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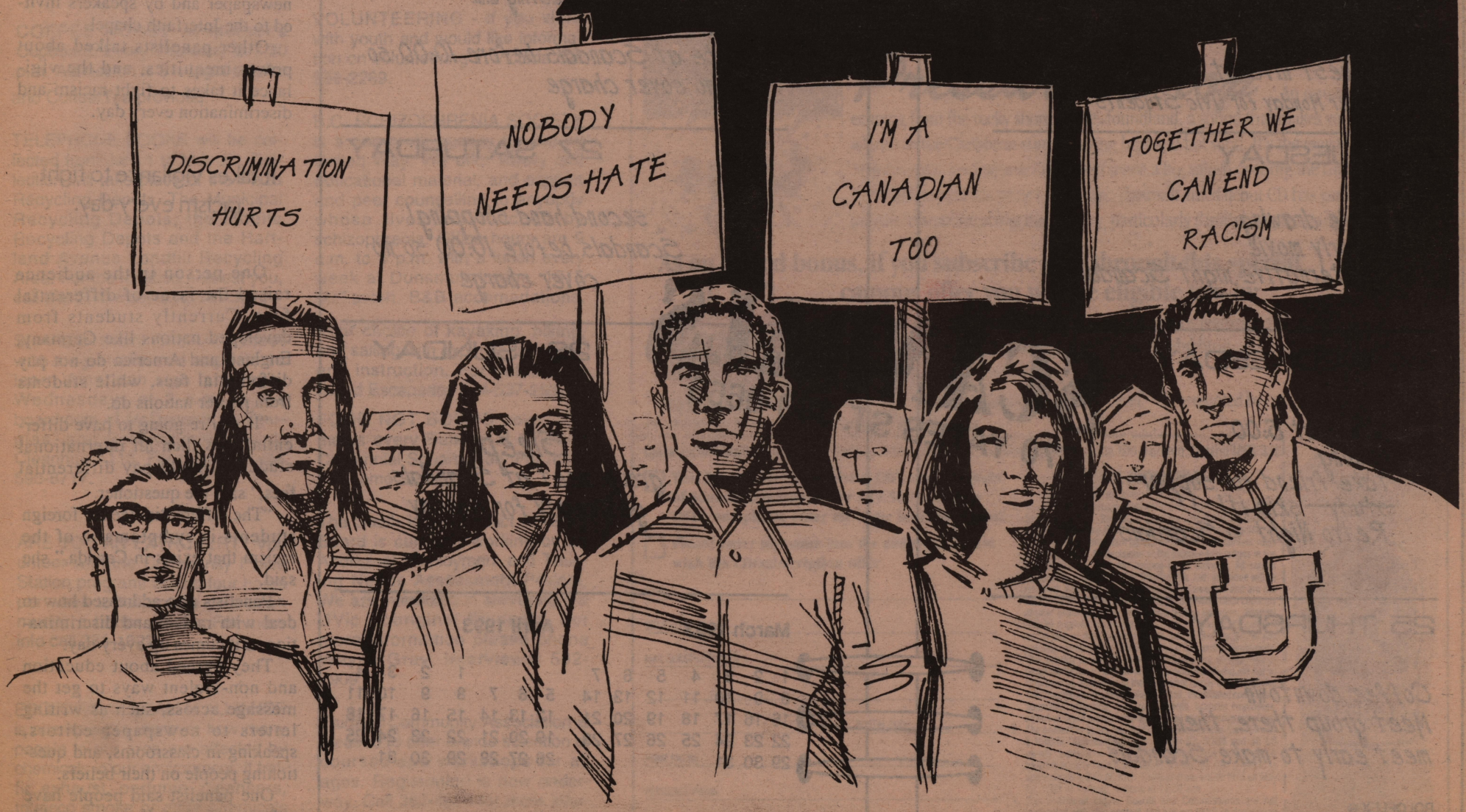

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Dating violence a campus reality

by Tracy Nishimura

Judy Rebick, president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, spoke March 10 on the UVic campus about date rape.

"27.8 per cent of women in university report that they were sexually assaulted or abused in the past year. Forty-five per cent of women say they were sexually abused or assaulted since high school," said Rebick.

The discussion, titled *Date Rape and Dating Violence on the University Campus*, , was sponsored by the Women's Centre Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project and the University of Victoria.

The statistics, which Rebick called "scary," come from a recent national survey prepared for Health and Welfare Canada's Family Violence Prevention Division by Carleton University.

Rebick said workers at sexual assault centres are convinced violence against women on campuses is increasing.

Besides the "general culture of violence," Rebick also attributed the increase in campus dating rape to the post-sexual revolution's lack of discourse about sex. She posed the question, "Is there any framework to talk about sex in your school?"

Rebick said, "Rape is not about sex. Rape is about power," but "when we talk about date rape it seems like the other side of it is we have to talk about sex."

Rebick said the prevalence of rape and sexual abuse of university and college aged women is "a serious problem." The Carleton study also said, "very serious forms of abuse are quite common in campus dating."

But campus violence against women is difficult to discuss because most of it is perpetrated by "guys we know," said Rebick.

Rebick suggested another reason for the lack of action: "Too often university administrations are more concerned with the reputation of the university than they are with the safety of women on campus."

She said, "I think the university has a responsibility. It has a responsibility for education... and that is mandatory education on date rape. What it is. How to deal with it."

"It's about time this issue was raised on campus, because it happens," said Heather Gropp, the Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project committee co-ordinator.

"Administration has been supportive when we call and ask for support, but they should have raised it in the beginning."

"Once again, it's fallen to students to increase awareness because administration won't, or doesn't," said Gropp.

The UVic Women's Centre Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project student committee has been actively campaigning since September.

"We've had both backlash and positive feedback," said Gropp. "A lot of students have come in and said thanks for making this an issue on campus and providing people with the definitions of what these two issues are."

She added, "Not every student knows what date rape and dating violence are."❑

Judy Rebick speaks on date rape on campus. 27.8% of university women feel they were sexually assaulted or abused in the past year. Rape on campus is a reality.

Computer lab *sans* computers

by Andrew MacLeod

The UVic Students' Society Board of Directors discussed handbooks, courses and computers at their March 15 meeting.

Morris Redecopp, UVSS administrative co-ordinator, announced the budget for SUB expansion includes plans for a computer lab - but not for computers or software.

The equipment and programmes will cost about $100,000, Redecopp estimated. The UVSS is looking for other sources of money, as their own budget is tight.

In recognition of the budget's tightness, the handbook committee is catering to advertisers.

"Advertisers, being in the business of making money, like right hand pages," said Director of Services, Kelly Greenwell, reporting for the committee.

"We're trying to accomodate them as best we can," said Greenwell. The already ad heavy handbook promises to be filled with even less information next year.

With little discussion the BoD passed a motion directing the UVSS Chair, Dayna Christ, to look into the academic standing of all BoD members.

All BoD members must be registered in at least one course per term, according to UVSS policy. This was changed from one course per year at the Feb. 25 UVSS semi annual general meeting.

Kelly Greenwell is currently not taking any courses, although he did take one last semester, so he has complied with UVSS policy as it stood when he was elected.❑

Apathy at racism talk

by Andrew MacLeod

A March 15 panel discussion on racism and discrimination blew up in a storm of apathy.

The discussion in Cinecenta was organized by a Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group committee opposed to racism and discrimination.

"I'm really pissed off about the turn-out," said Tikiri Herath, one of the organizers. "It shows how apathetic people are."

She said people tore down a lot of posters publicizing events organized by VIPIRG as part of the Anti-racism & Discrimination Week.

Renee Warburton, Mahinder Doman, Michael Peters, and students Kelevelyn Huxley and Aquiles Garro were on the panel.

Warburton called the University of Victoria campus "lily-white," and said UVic students don't understand the importance of fighting racism and discrimination, while addressing rows of empty seats.

He said he is disappointed UVic has not taken a major public stand against racism, despite an equity hiring policy.

Huxley also said her experience at UVic as a lesbian researcher has shown her a lot of issues are left out of courses. She said the institution's leadership could be influential in changing attitudes.

Instead, she said, the women's bathrooms are full of anti-lesbian graffiti, and homophobic voices are raised in letters to the student newspaper and by speakers invited to the Interfaith chapel.

Other panelists talked about power inequities, and the vigilance it takes to fight racism and discrimination every day.

It takes vigilance to fight racism every day.

One person in the audience raised the issue of differential fees. Currently students from developed nations like Germany, England and America do not pay differential fees, while students from poorer nations do.

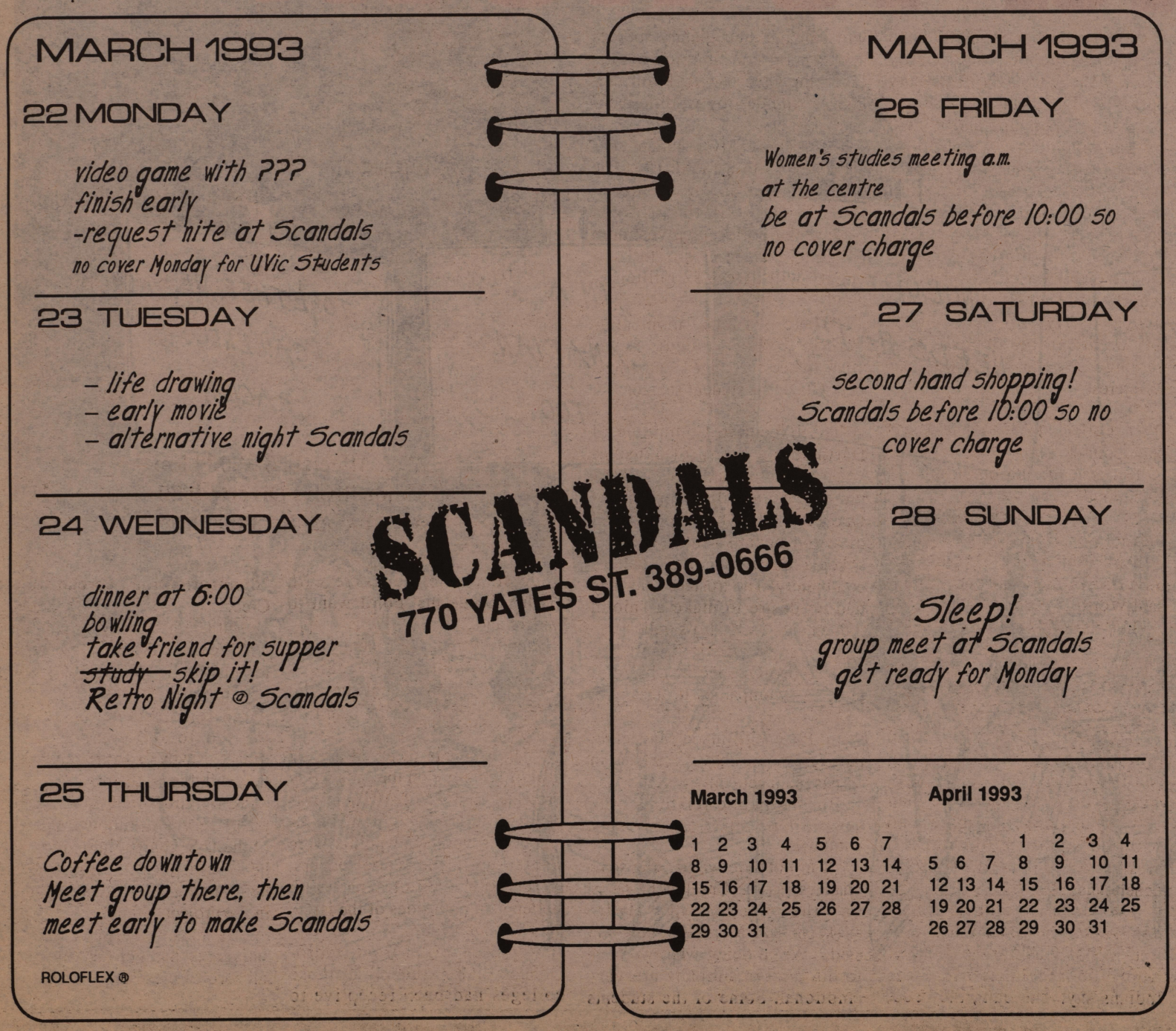
"If you're going to have differential fees then all international students should pay differential fees," said the questioner.

"The differential fee for foreign students is symptomatic of the racism that exists in Canada," she said.

Panelists also addressed how to deal with racism and discrimination as it comes up every day.

They agreed about education and non-violent ways to get the message across, such as writing letters to newspaper editors, speaking in classrooms, and questioning people on their beliefs.

One panelist said people have to know it is socially unacceptable to spread racist ideas.❑



Fight the powers that be

Canada must confront history of racism

by Prince Jusu Nallo

Hypocritical fascism, popularly referred to as capitalism, promotes the subordination of women, children and minorities, and strengthens institutionalized and individual racism.

Do you remember slavery? Imagine those days when local Indian populations were virtually wiped out by the white invaders. Do you remember colonial rule? Have you experienced neo-colonialism lately? What about the welfare line?

Capitalism, like any other mode of production, is a total system which involves an ideological aspect.

In the sphere of global capitalism, racism is a widespread and deeply rooted element in European thought and attitude.

Racism is a set of generalizations and assumptions with no scientific basis, but holds rationalizations in every sphere, from economics to theology.

Racism is an ubiquitous practice in every facet of Canadian society. It is found in immigration laws, foreign and domestic policies, wage slavery, differential fees for foreign students, media bias, and curriculum. Racism is in Canadian popular culture and the status quo.

As economic conditions become problematic, we see the rise of neo-nazi groups harassing minorities and women across Canada. White supremacist groups and their stickers are sprouting up in Victoria.

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Immigrants and gays have become a main target of hate groups' racist actions. White supremacists have been distributing hate literature to high schools and are actively recruiting there. They spread the myth that immigrants are lazy and that the majority of them rely on welfare.

Who grows the fruits and vegetables we eat in British Columbia? Exploited immigrant labour. Who looks after tomorrow's generation in Canada? Domestic workers and women whose labour is not recognized in our democratic, male chauvinistic world. Immigrants and women also play significant roles in Canada. Their work includes policy formation, education and a handful of executive positions.

Capitalist philosophy and patriarchy is backed by international organizations that fund universities, as well as politicians, banks, churches, mainstream media, and a range of other outfits.

As an example, the University of Western Ontario psychology lecturer Philippe Rushton's rotten science theory that correlates brain size with intelligence and genital size with libido and fertility rates, is heavily funded by the Pioneer Fund (Nazi establishment) based in the USA.

However, the university bureaucracy did not condemned Rushton's racist theories on the pretext of academic freedom.

Many universities compete for research projects which perpetuate the patriarchal system. We expect good quality products coming out of places of higher learning, yet Canadian universities strongly depict the status quo.

Who are the deans, presidents and top administrative officials? And who are the secretaries and minorities? What policies and procedures does the University of Victoria's Equity office have regarding academic freedom, code of conduct for staff and students regarding racism, sexism, and homophobia?

In Sierra Leone, we were taught that the white man is smarter and better. A lot of black people still believe this, including my own father.

This colonial hangover is one of the worst relics of slavery and is currently perpetuated by ethnocentric institutions like the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

I confront racism regularly. Whether it is in the grocery store, shopping mall, or any place with merchandise, I am closely watched by shop keepers. Their conditioning alerts them of a potential thief.

In 1984 and 1987, at the JFK airport in New York City, I experienced apartheid. All minorities were asked to form a different line, like in South Africa, where certain privileges are extended to whites only. Our luggage was thoroughly searched for drugs, stolen items, and diseases. You name it, and we were searched for it. The officials were unfriendly, patronizing, and arrogant.

In 1984, I was held hostage by Canadian Immigration officials for about five hours at the Pearson International airport.

During this period, I was continuously interrogated and threatened by more than five patriarchs. They moved me to three different rooms to be ridiculed, chastised and further interrogated. To make a long story short, I was finally released on $3500 bail.

In 1990, every B.C. government office that I delivered my resume to assumed that I did not have the necessary papers to work in Canada.

On so many occasions, I was told to boldly declare my citizenship on my resume, as if this is the most important thing on my resume. How many of you have to write "Canadian citizen" on your resume?

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UVic invests in destruction

by Derek McNaughton with CUP files

The University of Victoria holds a $150,000 bond in Hydro-Quebec's monstrous and environmentally destructive hydroelectric dam project, the James Bay II, while backers of the deal begin to pull the plug on their investments.

Increased opposition to the $40 to $60 billion dam, expected to flood 23,000 square kilometres of land - over four times the size of Prince Edward Island - has caused U.S investors to sell their holdings in the controversial project.

Furthermore, Hydro-Quebec has called public relations behemoth Burson Marstellar to patch their image. Burson Marstellar was hired by Exxon to handle the massive Valdez oil spill, and by hundreds of other big-name companies, such as Coca-Cola, Union Carbide and the Argentinian government.

Dartmouth College in New Hampshire dumped its holdings in Hydro-Quebec, and others are about to drop their Hydro-Quebec bonds because of continued and intense controversy over the northern Quebec project.

Trustees at Tufts University in Massachusetts will examine the university's investment policy in May, with plans to exclude Hydro-Quebec.

Yet dollars have no geographical or ecological barriers, and where there's profit, there's investors, earning at the expense of the environment.

"We do have a $150,000 bond in Hydro-Quebec," said Cathy Scott, UVic's manager of treasury services. The money is used to provide scholarships and is held by a "foundation," which looks after a pool of the university's investments, she said. "We can't spend the principle, but we can spend the interest."

UVic's accounting director Bob Worth refused to speculate whether the foundation would unload its Hydro-Quebec bond, and defended the deposit, now earning just under $14,000 a year in interest.

"Quebec Hydro is a solid risk. It's not offside from an investment standpoint."

But is it offside on an ethical standpoint?

"There are many companies that are offside on an ethical view. I think you're taking quite an adversarial view on one issue," said Worth.

The Cree, Innu and Inuit of northern Quebec have long insisted their traditional way of life will be destroyed if Hydro-Quebec goes ahead with the dam.

James Bay II is the third stage in a massive plan, which when and if finished, will see the creation of 36 dams and more than 1000 dykes, affecting more than 350,000 square kilometeres - mostly to the benefit of thirsty Americans.

The third stage, with its grossly ironic title, The Great Whale project, will only add to the decay of Aboriginal social fabric, Cree Indians say. The dam, they add, will damage their dietary sources and general consumption habits, erode the Cree and Inuktitut languages, and destroy wildlife habitats.

Tufts University's student senate voted 15 to 8 to put the issue of divestment on the agenda of their trustees. If the trustees redraw the college's investment policy to exclude Hydro, the university will divest $2 million in bonds.

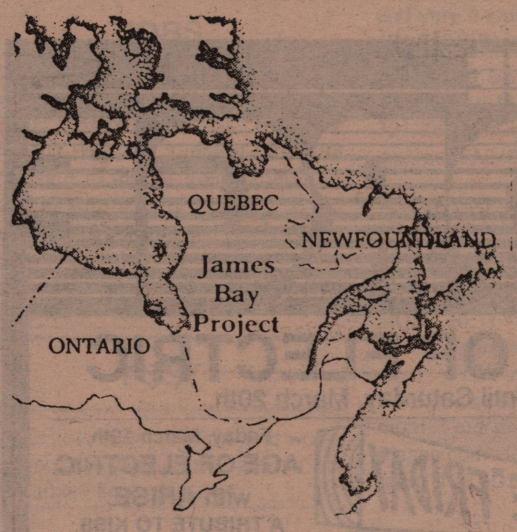
"There is a lot of momentum here to divest. Students really want to see a change" said Elizabeth Glazier, a student senator.

The Executive Committee of Dartmouth's Board of Trustees voted to find substitutes for Dartmouth's $6.8 million in Hydro-Quebec bonds. The school said it divested because the issue had become too divisive in the college community. The trustees said they had no desire to make a "moral judgement" on Hydro's policies.

Cree spokesperson Ryan Craig said Hydro-Quebec has hired at least five companies to deal with its poor image in the U.S. Among them, PR giant Burson Marstellar, the corporation that specializes in "crisis management."

But the public relations blitz has had little effect on university campuses.

"I'm not sure we had the same chances [as the Cree] to be heard on the campuses," Hydro spokesperson Marie Archambault said. "We're doing what we have to do. Native subjects are very emotional. Some of the students understand the real issue with Hydro. Some just don't want to understand."



GREAT WHALE:
1992-2000
Power: 3,060
Dykes: ≈133
Dams: 5
Powerhouses: 3

Area Affected: 350,000 km²
Major Rivers Diverted: 20
Area Flooded: 23,000 km²

Randy Ravitz, president of the Tufts' student senate, denied Hydro's complaint that they did not have a chance to be heard on campus.

"The students received a great deal of literature on the James Bay Project," said Ravitz. "There was plenty of information from Hydro-Quebec, several viewpoints were written up in the school papers, there was a week of debate with students on both sides of the issue, the Cree, and Hydro."

Representatives from Hydro-Quebec claim students at those colleges had been receptive to "disinformation" spread by the Cree.

But Craig says Hydro is lying.

"We think Hydro's projects are a catastrophe, but we will never organize ourselves into a campaign for divestment. We were invited to the campuses. We didn't ask them to do anything - they did this on their own."

Kelly Greenwell, UVSS director of services, although unaware of the U.S. student initiatives, said he would put a motion forward denouncing UVic's involvement in the project.

"It doesn't surprise me. The university has got their fingers in all sorts of pies."❑

Centre closed to some

by Ana Torres and Alisa Smith

The university Women's Centre has had a year of freeze-outs, bans, internal politicking and private bank accounts. It is no longer open to all women as collective members develop a longer and longer list of criteria: feminist, pro-choice, co-operative, and just generally "philosophically" acceptable.

This year, at least two women have been permanently banned from the women's centre by the collective who circulated a memo saying the women should not be allowed to get keys to the office.

Nettie Hayter, a former coordinator and long-time member of the collective, said the women's centre constitution was only available to collective members.

Yet the constitution sets the standard for collective members - so how are prospective members supposed to know the behaviour they need to conform to?

When asked about the banned women, Hayter, often a willing source for news stories in the past, said, "What's this about? I'm just a volunteer, on the fringes."

At a Tuesday collective meeting, Heather Gropp, coordinator of the anti-rape campaign, said she was not sure how many women had been banned in the history of the centre but there had been two since September.

She said the collective had meetings about it. "They were women who don't follow our principles [set out] in our constitution."

Karen Ballinger, a collective member said, "They wouldn't use feminist tactics."

Loraine, a collective member who refused to give her last name, said the banned women had been "exclusionary."

Miranda Duffy, a newly appointed director at large for the students' society, said hostile people are banned from Felicita's and the Student Union Building so why not the women's centre.

At a separate meeting Julie Hewlett, Student's Society Director of Academics, said the way the board has set up the women's centre structure "all women are welcome."

Hewlett said, "Maybe with threats of violence [women could be banned] but they'd have to be banned from the whole building." She said people should call Traffic and Security if they are having serious problems.

She said it was not the responsibility of the students' society or their employees "to be bouncing for the women's centre."

A women's centre document says they want to ensure a safe and comfortable place for women. However, a January 1993 update of their constitution added a mechanism to remove members of the collective, with no necessary reasons stated.

Such a provision seems to be supporting the "validity" of earlier bans. The constitution also says collective members must be feminist and pro-choice, according to women's centre definitions.

Hewlett said, "It's not a sorority" and they cannot choose who they want as members.

Many women have come to the students' society office saying they felt uncomfortable going into the women's centre, and wondered what the centre's problem was, Hewlett said.

Dayna Christ, the present students' society chair said she was aware of the bans and felt it was "unhealthy" at the women's centre right now and "they need new blood."

The students' society has no plans to intervene.

Members of the students' society who were aware of the private account also chose not to intervene, although it is an irregular procedure.

When asked about the $15,000 off-campus account, Hayter said if she knew more what the story was about maybe she would answer questions. She made no further comments.

At the Tuesday collective meeting, Gropp said it was the anti-date rape committee that decided to open a private account for the grant - supplied by the university and the government - because "we have a lot of money to deal with, there's more accountability."

She said she could not remember how much money had been spent so far, but there was a bookkeeper who had the books at home and they were "open."

So far the committee has had two public forums, made posters, leaflets, and t-shirts, and placed some public awareness advertisments, among other things.

When Hewlett was told about the $15,000 in a private account, she looked somewhat aghast and said, "The money was given to an organization there to represent women on campus. There has to be a way to know how the money is being spent."

She said there were trust accounts through students' society accounting available to the women's centre, leaving their grant protected and more readily available to scrutiny by students.

"But they probably want to keep it [the money] quiet when it comes to budgeting next year," said Hewlett.

The students' society director of finance, Marne Jensen, said she had advised the women's centre to open a trust account with their own signing officers, as it would ensure accountability to students.

But as it stands, "I don't know how active the committee has been, or how much has been spent," Jensen said.

However, she said she was sure the women's centre was using the money appropriately.❑

RACIST VANDALS

Last week a large banner announcing "Anti-Racism Week" was ripped off the library exterior, torn into shreds, and muddied as if stomped upon.

On March 14, two new posters appeared in its place. The Anti-Racism Committee penned, in red and blue, "To whoever ripped dowm our sign before: Keep your racist hands to yourself."

Right below was the initial message they had intended the campus to see: "Anti-Racism Week, March 15 - 19."

Speakers and panels are planned; go to the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group office in the student union building for information. --A.S.

Groups get together discuss Vale's future

by Shawn Hall

Several groups interested in preserving Mystic Vale met March 10 to discuss their concerns and share information.

Members of the University of Victoria Students' Society, the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group, concerned citizens groups, as well as the university vice president of academics, Trevor Matthews, attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to get all the concerned parties "on the same wavelength, with the same data base," said Matthews.

"Even if not considering the environment, you still have to worry about drainage."

He said UVic offered the current owners of Mystic Vale $2.25 million for the property, but the proposal was ignored.

The offer was based on an independent study which assumed the Vale is ready to build on, which it is not, and the multi million dollar price tag is what the university would pay if it expropriated the land, which Matthews said they do not want to do.

Matthews said that the university would rather purchase the land in a more fair manner. "When you're trying to do an honest purchase, you don't want to hold a sword over their head."

The profit from building on the land would be somewhat higher than $2.25 million, but, "Just how greedy is greedy?" asked Derek Whittle, one of 14 concerned residents who have hired a lawyer to prevent building in Mystic Vale.

Logging the Vale would damage the drainage of his property, he said. All the groups have the same goal - to save the Vale - but for different reasons.

"Even if not considering the environment," Whittle said, "you still have to worry about drainage."

"I think the community, the university, and the student body are all united on this," he said. "So it's all important we turn out and show our support."

The builder, Stonehem Developments, has an option on the property and wants to subdivide it.

The first offer Stonehem made was rejected by City Council, partially due to drainage problems it would have caused for properties down river. In the new plan, a small area near the bottom of the Vale has been designated a pool to prevent drainage into the houses below.

However, an approving officer meeting has been called to get input from concerned parties. The approving officer has the right to approve or not approve any development in Saanich.

The forum was held March 16 in UniCentre Auditorium and was open to all.

"I think the community, the university and the student body are all united on this."

If the university owned the land, Matthews said, the Vale would be "left in its natural state."

Kelly Greenwell, UVSS director of services, expressed some concern over plans to build new residences close to the Vale, and said he would like some written agreement by the university to preserve the Vale.

He said he doesn't want students to have to fight the university to save the area in the future.

Matthews agreed. "Our use would be for the students and faculty. You'd have to confine the foot traffic. It would have to be controlled as you don't want to beat it to death [by walking all over it]," said Matthews.❑

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Democracy rules

by rkwong

Eighteen hundred students exercised their democratic right to change student politics in the UVic Students' Society elections March 10-12.

This year's election featured an increased effort from the electoral office to expand student participation. An extra polling day was added and three new polling stations were set up.

Nearly half the ballots were cast at the traditional polling stations in the Student Union Building, McPherson Library and Clearihue.

The final tallies came in early Saturday morning with a resounding NO to two key referenda questions.

The question asking for a five dollar per term increase in activity fees to $56.55 per term was defeated. The increase would have added funding to the Ombudsperson office, clubs and course unions, and general UVSS expenses.

Renewal of the Health Plan was also rejected. This will reduce one full-time administrative position, and end the health coverage students have enjoyed for five years, including prescription claims.

The plebiscite for a parking fee of $100 per year to subsidize bus passes, modelled after Camosun College's similar initiative, was affirmed; however the margin was less than two percent of the vote. This low support is a disappointment to the current UVSS Board of Directors (BoD) who hoped to use a landslide victory to lobby for this subsidy plan.

Shiela Sheldon-Collyer, University Secretary, felt the plebiscite will be considered by the Board of Governors. Sheldon-Collyer said, "The administration is interested in cutting down traffic to the university, and they don't want to build more parking lots."

The new UVSS chair is Janetta Ozard, currently serving as a director. Ozard promised to minimize Commonwealth Games activity on campus, increase autonomy for subsidiary organizations, such as the Women's Centre and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance, and lobby for increasing accessibility of student finances and services.

The defeated chair candidates Chuck Edgeworth, who ran with the Accessible Government for All Students slate, and Michael Butterfield together received 47 per cent of the vote.

The new director of finance is Megan Thompson, also currently serving as a director. Thompson promised to keep SUB services continuing during SUB expansion. However, Thompson lacks the experience of sitting on the UVSS finance committee.

Cameron St. John, the defeated finance candidate who has been associated with George Pringle in this year's BoD, received 41 percent of the vote.

The new director of academics is George Pringle, a right-wing director with a six year history of student politics. Pringle promised to reduce the $200,000 debt and to allow course unions to "sell cheap beer for fund raising." Pringle has been a student at this campus for seven years, and his one time 1990 entry into Victoria municipal politics failed.

Michele Agostinelli, Nettie Hayter and Christie Stephenson, who are associated with left and progressive groups, failed in their bid for the director of academics position. They received a combined 64 per cent of the vote.

The new director of services is Matt Pollard, the only current director who has consistently voted without affiliation. Pollard promises base funding for clubs, maximized student employment in the SUB, and increased services after SUB expansion. Pollard won with less than 25 per cent of the votes and with a margin less than six votes.

Greg Clark, who also ran with the Accessible Government for All Students slate, David Nickoli, who is right of centre, Tina Walker, who is progressive, and Marnie Cameron collectively won 75 percent of the vote for directors of services.

The new directors, Brent Hamilton, Caitlin Simpson, Jennifer Hawkes and Meghan Gaudet are the new directors from the Accessible Government for All Students slate. These directors have promised to end fiscal mismanagement and misrepresentation, to increase lighting and escort services, and to transfer UVSS Day Care to the University administration.

Jacqueline Crummey and Miranda Duffy are the new directors from the Women's Collective. In their platforms these candidates stated they wished to lobby the Board of Governors to freeze tuition hikes and end differential fees.

Nevin Thompson and Carolyn T. Schneider are the new directors from the Steelworkers' Union, the union representing the UVSS employees. These directors promised an experienced, but new, look at ways to deal with UVSS problems.

David Bigsby, a former Martlet writer, Jarek Oleszczuk, president of the Association of Foreign and Canadian Students, and Michael Gardiner, a member of the Vancouver Island Public Interest Group, are independent directors. Although these directors have been active in student politics, they are new to the UVSS bureaucracy.

On an annual term beginning in May, the UVSS BoD exists "to be advocates for students, to provide services, and to represent the UVSS [all undergraduate students on campus] to all levels of government through the Canadian Federation of Students," according to the 1993 UVSS election supplement in the Martlet. The executive position of the BoD are full-time paid positions.

The BoD meets weekly on Monday evenings in the SUB. Executives can be reached at SUB 135, and they don't bite.

RESULT OF UVSS ELECTION, 93/94.

Results as of 15 March 1993		
Referenda Questions		
HEALTH PLAN		
No	**1062**	**59%**
Yes	700	39%
spoiled	26	1%
UVSS FEE INCREASE		
No	**1106**	**63%**
Yes	638	36%
spoiled	16	1%
PARKING INCREASE		
Yes	**948**	**53%**
No	815	46%
spoiled	15	1%
UVSS BoD Executive		
CHAIR		
Ozard	**641**	**43%**
Edgeworth	440	30%
Butterfield	257	17%
spoiled	145	10%
ACADEMIC		
Pringle	**429**	**29%**
Agostinelli	366	25%
Stephenson	357	24%
Hayter	277	15%
spoiled	124	8%
SERVICES		
Pollard	**336**	**25%**
Clark	330	24%
Nickoli	242	18%
Walter	236	17%
Cameron	218	16%
spoiled	N/A	N/A
FINANCE		
Thompson	**742**	**49%**
St. John	620	41%
spoiled	140	9%
DIRECTORS AT LARGE		
Gaudet	**528**	**35%**
Thompson	**512**	**34%**
Crummey	**479**	**32%**
Hawkes	**477**	**32%**
Duffy	**467**	**31%**
Simpson	**464**	**31%**
Bigsby	**444**	**30%**
Hamilton	**435**	**29%**
Schneider	**423**	**28%**
Oleszczuk	**418**	**28%**
Gardiner	**398**	**27%**
Freedman	397	26%
Schultz	388	26%
Moyer	356	24%
Sem	345	23%
Schippers	308	21%
Foran	306	20%
Neill	302	20%
spoiled	N/A	N/A

Bold indicates referenda results and directors-elect.

Director at large per centage calculated with assumed 1500 ballot cast.

Not all voters voted on all their ballots.❑

Question the beliefs white culture forces in history and books

by Michaelah Fox

Imagine you were forced to spend the rest of your life on the University of Victoria campus. Imagine you could not go anywhere without your student identification, and if you were caught without it you'd be arrested and then incarcerated. Imagine.

On March 21, 1960, the late Robert Sobukwe, then president of the Pan Africanist Congress, along with some colleagues, challenged South Africa's pass laws.

The pass laws were designed by the South African government to restrict black people's movement. The PAC presented themselves at the Orlando police station in Soweto without pass books and were subsequently arrested.

Just think about the reserve system in Canada.

Throughout the country, other blacks joined in this demonstration, with crowds swelling to 30,000 protesters.

In Sharpeville, the police, unable to control the crowds, opened fire, murdering 83 PAC supporters and wounding 365.

More than eight years after this tragic event, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 2396, declaring March 21 annual International Day to End Racism Discrimination.

One day of the year is not enough. The elimination of racial discrimination is a colossal task, requiring much attention from all people, including you.

Remember when you learned the environment was threatened? How you went out and did all you could to save the earth? We need to tap that energy, that vigour, and heal humanity of the sickness of racism. Some things you can do include the following:

Understand racism. Frances Cress Wesling, a behavioral scientist and author of the "Isis Papers" describes racism and white supremacy as, "The local global power system structured and maintained by persons who classify themselves as white, whether consciously or subconsciously determined.

"This system consists of patterns of perception, logic, symbol formation, thought, speech, action and emotional response, as conducted simultaneously in all areas of people's activity (economics, education, entertainment, labour, law, politics, religion, sex, and war)."

You can also understand humanity's history. Look at who is writing the books you read, be aware of who is telling you what and why.

In Sharpeville the police opened fire.

Certain histories of the world have been silenced. If history is not a tool of learning, the same mistakes will be repeated. Sam Ditshego of the United Nations Association of Victoria points out "people who lose the national sovereignty and historical conscience always demonstrate deviant behaviour."

Just think about the reserve system in Canada. How has that affected the lives of the Aboriginal peoples of this country?

Be aware of your feelings. Ignoring them doesn't make them disappear. Talking about feelings gets them out in the open, where you can learn about them and where they stem from. A good place to do this is at an unlearning racism workshop - look for one.

Lastly, be aware. If you encounter racial discrimination in your life say so. Silence only allows the problem to fester and grow. Communication is the healer.❑

Woman assaulted

by Derek McNaughton

A 26-year-old woman was sexually assaulted March 13 while walking on the chip trail near the new visual-arts building next to the Phoenix theatre.

"She was grabbed from behind by a male," said Oak Bay Police chief Barrie Parker. The attacker grabbed the woman's genitals, clutched her right breast and lifted her off the ground slightly, said Parker.

"After that he walked nonchalantly off into the bush so she couldn't see his face."

Traffic and Security was called late Saturday evening by Oak Bay police, who were earlier contacted by the woman. The attack occured at about 7:45 p.m.

Traffic manager Don Marykuca said his department would post about 100 posters to inform people about the incident, yet would not increase the level of security on campus. But "our fellas will certainly keep it in mind."

Student response has been mixed, with some condemning the wording of the "crime alert" notice. "She was touched against her will," said a woman in the SUB upper lounge who refused to be identified. She was not "fondled" as the notice implies, she said.

"I feel really scared about that because I, after studying intensely, like to go for a fresh-air walk," said another woman who also wished not to be identified.

Police chief Parker advises people not to use the trails after dark "until we get some more information." Until then, he said, "it's hard to say what kind of person we're dealing with."

UVSS chair Dayna Christ is angry about the attack, blaming it on the socialization of many men, who might falsely believe they can get away with this type of behaviour.

Christ added the assault was not necessarily a security problem. "The whole campus can't be flooded with people in blue suits. It's everybody's problem. Everbody has to look out for everbody."

The assault was not necessarily a campus security problem.

Specific people are doing everything they can to combat violence against women, said a frustrated Christ, but until the utopian day when all violence agianst women has stopped "we have to do the patchwork stuff: walk with a friend; walk with someone you trust - work with the power of numbers."

The suspect is described as a white male, six feet tall, 210 pounds, straight shoulder-length dark brown hair, wearing a black jacket and blue jeans.

People with information about the assualt are asked to call Oak Bay police at 592-2424 or Traffic and Security at 721-7599.❑

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EDITORIAL

RACISM–CANADIAN STYLE

We're living in the "politically correct" nineties. Everyone knows the right words to say and what groups should be supported to show one's sensitivity.

So why are things not changing? Why is there still racism in Canada and in B.C. and right here at our university?

Recent legislation prevents women of colour from gaining landed immigrant status while working as domestic employees in Canadaian homes.

Environmentalists are joining together Thursday to protest to help protect the Clayoquot but its hereditary owners the Nuu'Chah'Nulth are rarely mentioned.

Here at UVic foreign students are expected to pay a 43% increase in their differential fees on top of the 9.75% increase to tuition that all students will be paying.

All of these examples are a testament to the long history of racism in B.C. It has been enforced from the top down through legislation that promoted the growth of racism at the personal level.

Male settlers in the 1870's were encouraged to "pre-empt" any tract of land in B.C. that the government had not already laid claim to. Native Indians were not allowed to do the same even though they were already in possession of most of the land.

The internment during World War II of people of Japanese descent was a blot on Canada's history that no government tried to redress until 1984 when nearly half of the people whose rights had been violated were dead.

Racism was a part of our legislation here in BC as late as 1948. The Municipal Elections Act prevented anyone of Chinese, Japanese or Native Indian ethnicity from voting in municipal elections.

Native Indians could not vote in ANY election unless they had already proved they would accept white culture by joining the military or leaving the reservation or by becoming a doctor, lawyer or priest; all professions completely foreign to the Native culture.

It is a result of this institutionalized racism that our "political correctedness" is not doing any good. On March 21, when people around the world remember Robert Sobukwe for standing up and telling the South African government its pass laws were racist, look around and ~~point~~ out to yourself and to others what is racist here.

OF MONSTERS AND TREES

Let's play a game.

We won't call it democracy because that suggests respect for the will of the people. We can't call it justice either because that implies fairness. What we can call it, though, is the Mike Harcourt Forestry Game.

Mike will stand with hands in his pockets today, looking out his big office windows at the hundreds if not thousands of angry people - all completely fed up with seeing our forests disappear.

Some might get arrested. That's how the game works. You can't just block another player. Silly. Many have already gone to jail; they tried to stop industry from cheating, from taking too much.

Naughty, naughty.

Obviously the province depends on forestry for jobs. But make no mistake: old-growth is almost gone. It's easy to believe the state of our woods is not so bad. Afterall, we've seen all those pretty pictures of big trees, fat ferns and darling deer and bush and moist moss - oh it's so gorgeous living here, we're just so damn lucky.

But where did those images come from? Burson Marstellar and their "Forests Forever" public deception campaign. Burson Marstellar is a powerful, international public realtions firm. They make bad things look good. They work for the B.C. Forest Alliance. The blitz was designed to spruce up the limping image and public mistrust towards these "stewards" of our trees.

We almost bought it. Almost.

The Clayoquot Sound is not the only area at immediate risk. The entire forest industry is in danger with this wild pace of logging. In 1993, over 4 million hectares of cleared land has not been replanted. Every year, over 80 per cent of forest companies take out more timber than the land can handle in the long run. It's bliss in the short run, but madness in the end.

Also at risk is faith in our politicians, in democracy, in justice. If the government is increasingly seen as sympathetic to industry, while at the same time uncaring of the concerns of its citizens, the people stop believing in those who alledgedly represent their wishes.

Harcourt whispered promises of change; we thought he was on our side. He seduced our votes. Yet now he wants to gambol by himself and his industry friends.

Today we can tell the NDP what we think. Let's exercise our rights, because this is too important to play around with.

For this is not a game.

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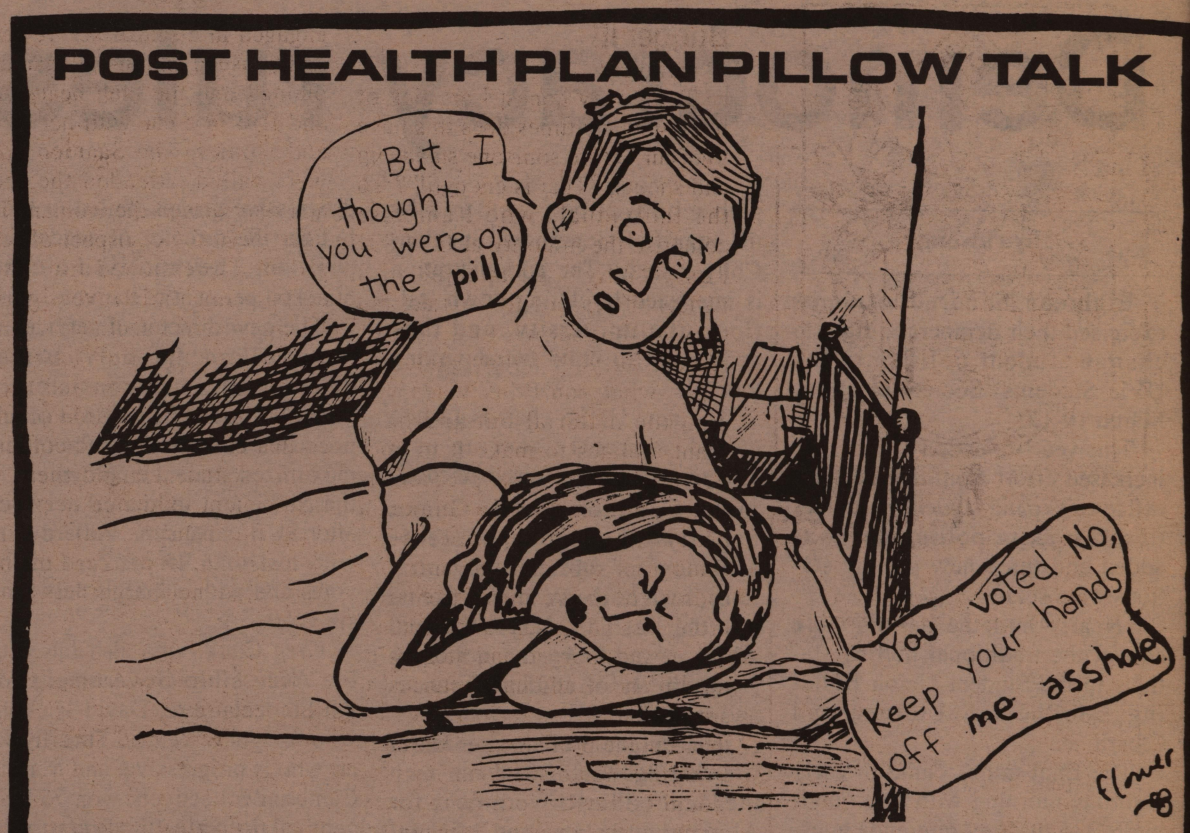
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But I thought you were on the pill
You voted No, Keep your hands off me asshole
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Candidate picked on

Editors:

I became a candidate because I believed, as a moderate, I would be able to pull all the different factions together.

A friend told me that most Victorians look down upon UVic students and deem them undeserving. I had thought this to be an unreasonable assumption until I entered student politics.

Since becoming a candidate I have been heckled, slandered, and had my posters defaced and torn down. And I am not alone in this.

How can a candidate be expected not to take this abuse personnally? Furthermore, if elected, how is anyone to be expected to work closely with those groups who have defamed their character during the election?

The issue is how can we, working together, improve our society. To win at any cost is both immoral and reprehensible. Foolishly, I hoped that as educated people we would be beyond such childish behaviour.

One person who had heckled me apologized. I thank her for that because it means that integrity has not been totally subjugated by close minded ignorance.

In the final analysis, what hope is there for our future if we do not learn from the past. We should be at the vanguard of change. Instead, our actions show us to be unworthy of even the most basic trust.

Michael Butterfield

Unwelcome tactics

Editors:

As a person who has been associated with the University since 1989 as a student and who is now employed by the University, I find the disappearance of the February 14 issue of the *Martlet* a reprehensible act of discrimination. As a gay person, an out gay person I might add, I am further enraged that this tactic by the "opposition" effects me. When discrimination of the uperhanded kind occurs, it protects the perpetrator from being discovered. This shows me that you do not have enough self-respect to stand up in the open for what you believe. If you really feel that what you did was right then come clean and tell us who are are.

If you don't want to fess-up then please do me, and other like me a favour. Stop doing silly things that deprive others of their rights as guaranteed under the B.C. Charter of Rights and Freedoms, it is immoral, unethical, not to mention illegal; and stay quiet. If I can stand tall and be honest about who I am, at the very least I deserve to know who is against me. Your "dark-of-night" tactics are not welcome in our society anymore.

Guy Allen Russel

Muddy Waters

Editors:

During my two years at this University, I have watched the abortion debate rage in you Editorial pages. The ongoing debate is typical of the wide gulf that exists between the pro-choice and anti-abortion camps. Biblical quotes and scriptural misinterpretation and an almost scary fundamentalism are the hallmarks of UVic's anti-aboritonists (or at least those who appear in these pages). Similarly, the pro-choice writers often muddy the waters with religion too. The issue is really crystal clear. It boils down to the right to choose and the dangers of control.

The men and women that we send to die in foreign wars, the twelve year old child gunned down on the way to school, the forty year old women dead from breast cancer. These people represent a significant investment on the part of society at large. I am not undervaluing the unborn but I do believe that the existing contibuting society deserves our attention and help.

If we work with the same convictions that Operation Rescue or the many pro-choice networks have, perhaps the world will be a decent enough place that women who live in abusive, poor or unsafe environments will find support for themselves and their unborn and not a world quick to condemn their abortion but unwilling to to care for their child.

Anti-abortionists, the issue is choice. You cannot choose for me. I cannot choose for you. Don't condemn, help.

Kirsty J. Peddle

Remorseful

Editors:

I have been reading with some interest about the fraternity controversy. Although now ashamed to admit it, I was once a member of the same organization as Mr. Redies. In fact, at the time of the incident correctly described by Ms. Hewlett, I was Vice-President.

I am sorry to admit that Mr. Redies was hazed during the pledge period. It was not, however, condoned by the executive of the fraternity. Actually it was two renegade "brothers" who took matters into their own hands. After some discussion of the incidnet we the executive felt that they saw the error of their ways, and would not let it happen again. I am sorry for Mr. Redies, who to this day cannot admit to the incident. Hazing is not condoned by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Howver that does not mean that it doesn't happen.

It is difficult for some to determine what constitutes hazing. A pledge may at any time refuse to do anything that he feels comprimising. Therefore if he was willing to continue with an act such as Mr. Redies, is it then hazing? I do feel great remorse that youths feel it neccessary to commit acts of displeasure against one another, due to peer pressure.

This is one reason I was forced to part ways with Phi Delta Theta. I am happy to say that I am no longer a member as my name was struck from membership, after my resignation. I would like to ask all current members to analyze what motivates them to belong to such an organization.

Bryn Badel

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Quote of the week:
"I'm going to move away, grow a beard, and make some new friends."
Cameron St. John

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Bugger it!

Editors:

To be very honest I am sick of it. How many times does this have to occur before someone stands up and shouts, "That is enough!"? To the individuals who I am sure comprise the minority at U of Vic I ask, "Why?" I can think of a variety of reasons for this act but they all boil down to a lack of respect for your fellow student. I know what you think when you sign the material out and have scant minutes to make it to your next class. The only problem is that you implicitly make a promise to return the material but tomorrow comes too soon and today you have more pressing problems. The result is the material is never returned and those who need it and would have returned it are denied access to it. I am sure that if some profit was to be made from this non issue then lawyers would be crying foul from every corner of this campus. It is not so. Perhaps the honor system of lending things out to individuals without honor is a bad idea. My humble suggestion would be to contract Amy Fisher and have her go after these deviants. I hope she comes cheap.

D'Arcy Reynolds

Undue alarm

Editors:

Your February 25, 1993 article "Assault On Campus" concerning an incident which occurred in the early morning hours of January, 31, 1993 in parking lot #1 containing some statements which are inaccurate, misleading, and left the impression that Traffic and Security were "not telling the students the entire story". This is simply not true, and could lead some members of our campus community to be unduly alarmed. For the record, the following are the facts surrounding this incident:

On Sunday, January 31, 1993 at approximately 4:00 am Traffic & Security responded to a complaint of a woman screaming in Parking Lot 1. Upon attending the scene, patrol officers found three male students from residence who were assisting a woman dressed only in a shirt. The woman, who said she was a prostitute, states she had been picked up by a man in the downtown area and had stopped in Lot 1 where the couple engaged in a sexual act. An argument ensued and the woman complained that the man beat her up and fled in a car with her money and clothes. The Saanich police were called, attended the scene, and interviewed the woman. They later located the suspect off campus and questioned him. After completing their investigation, Saanich police concluded their file with no charges being laid. The police advised Traffic and Security that their investigation concluded that both parties had consented to the sexual act and there was insufficient evidence to proceed with physical assault or theft charges. The woman and the male suspect are not connected with the University.

Ken Marrison, Assistant Manager - security
UVic Traffic and Security

Biologically Women

Editors:

I must comment on your editorial in the March 4th issue of the Martlet. While you raised some relevant points about women's issues, I feel you misrepresented the Biology Department when you implied that there were no women faculty or staff in Biology.

Contrary to your apparent belief, there are five tenured female faculty members in the department: Drs. Allen, Hawkins, Paul, Sherwood and Tunnicliffe. Although this number is not 50% of the total faculty, these women do represent approximately 50% of faculty hirings over the last 15 years. Indeed, the most recent promotion within the department was that of Dr. Paul who was appointed associate professor with tenure on January 1, 1993.

The Biology Department also has three female adjunct professors. Three of the six senior lab instructors are female and 35 out of the 85 graduate students in the department are female. Also, all of this year's Honours class are female!

The women faculty and staff in the Biology Department are responsible for teaching in most of the core courses in the curriculum, as well as many electives and graduate courses, making it impossible to get a degree in Biology without having at least one female instructor.

The women in the Biology Department have been extremely positive role models for me during my 5 years at UVic and I feel that I have benefitted from their enthusiasm and intellect. I cannot allow the Martlet to belittle their worth by insinuating that the department is devoid of women.

Alana V. Murray
Chair, Biology Undergraduate Society

God's will warped

Editors:

I find it disturbing that people continue to condemn Christianity based on the ghosts in its proverbial closet. With 20/20 hindsight, it is easy to spend our lives bickering over mistakes of the past, and allow them to warp our perspective of the present. We are responsible for what we do with Christianity today.

The beliefs that led to the Holy Wars, the Spanish Inquisition, which hunts, slavery, world wars, and other blunders of historic "Christianity," were not necessarily based on Biblical principles, but on a misunderstanding and perversion of the essential truths. We cannot assume that Jehovah God took part in those events simply because man has attached His Name to them. King Soloman says in Ecclesiastes 7:29, "This only have I found: God made mankind upright, but men have gone in search of many schemes."

This is still evident today in almost every aspect of our society, as we strive for something more in this life. In a continual search for something that we cannot see, or grasp, we face the message of the cross, which is foolishness to those whose hearts are closed.

Jesus came as a light shining in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood Him. The light switch is right beside you, try turning it on.

Roger Clark

The last goodbye

Editors:

I would like to thank Meghan Thompson for a challenging and worthwhile race for the UVSS Director of Finance, and to join in her condemnation of the mud-slinging perpetrated by a fringe-group of our supporters (on both sides).

Meghan ran a fair, honest campaign, and her victory comes well-deserved. Good luck, Meghan.

As per my election promise, this will be my last "annoying letter to the editor" for a long time.

Cameron St. John

More UVSS slander

Editors:

I was at a publicly advertised UVic club meeting at which Meghan Thompson, then candidate for UVSS Director of Finance, made politically damaging accusations of numerous UVSS and UVic Senate candidates. I asked her to substantiate herself in the meeting, and again later at the March 4 All Candidate Forum. She couldn't. I am opposed to the spreading of slander about ANYONE, whether I support their political beliefs or not.

I, unfortunately, cannot offer further details (including the club name) in this letter because the *Martlet* won't let me. They refused to print the first letter I wrote on the grounds that the publicity of Meghan's own statements might provoke personal harm towards her. In other words, when UVSS politics get dirty enough, don't expect the *Martlet* to be there to air the news.

Some have criticized me of playing dirty, saying that we should save such "games" for big time politics. Firstly, the UVSS is big time. They hire from 150 to 180 people, and their annual discretionary budget is $450,000! Secondly, all I've ever done is ask UVSS candidate Meghan to substantiate claims she made at a public meeting held in the SUB.

To those who heard me question Meghan in the All Candidates forum, I neither support nor oppose specific fraternities at UVic since I have not personally done any research in the area. Additionally, I in no way mean to criticize the unnamed club.

Aaron Beauchene

Editors' note:staff voted to break with our usual letters' policy of editing only for length and libel as we believed Beauchene's unpublished comments could result in threats to a person's safety.

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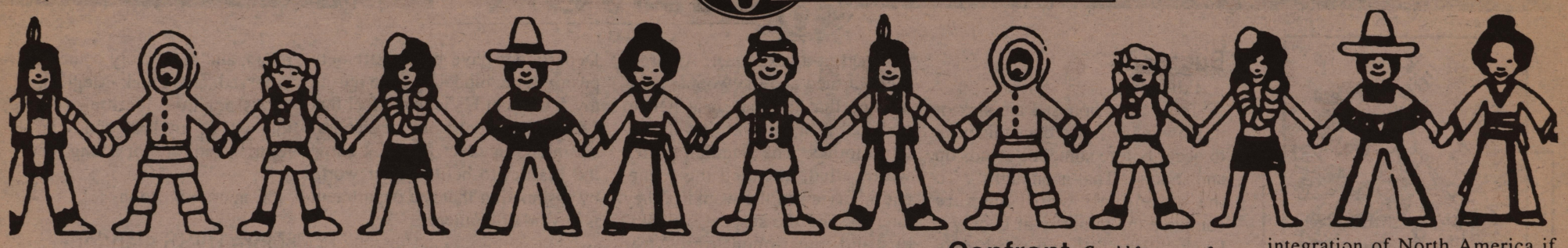

Subconscious racism too

by Gordon Dicks

What, me racist?

It's a hard question to face, if we consider ourselves "progressive" in any way at all, and harder still for me in the past few years, since I've become committed to abolishing every kind of prejudice as a matter of my faith (as a Bahá'í).

The racism that hides inside me is not the blatant, hate filled kind that I have seen only on television. The very thought of racial violence scares me.

When I was in elementary school, here in Victoria, I had an Indo-Canadian friend; I still remember his mother remarking one day that she was frightened to let him go out alone. She was

"The struggle against racial prejudice starts with ourselves."

haunted by thoughts of the Ku Klux Klan. Her fear shocked me - I had always assumed that such people were a long way away, not only physically, but perhaps historically as well.

It still shocks me, because even if there are no cross-burnings in Beacon Hill Park, as long as a single member of our community feels constrained by fear of racism, there is racial oppression in Victoria. To shrug it off is to come dangerously close to condoning it.

When I am face to face with another human being it doesn't matter much that I stand, in principle, firmly opposed to racial prejudice. Nor is it much comfort to anyone that my racism is subconscious, an almost inevitable product of our society.

Racism hurts, no matter how subtle it is or how well we attempt to disguise it, and racism corrupts its perpetrators with the same cancerous relentlessness as it wounds and traps its victims.

In his autobiography, Malcolm X makes an observation which really hit home with me: a white person, he said, rarely asks a black person's opinion, except sometimes about race issues. It is as if black people are somehow unable to be concerned about, for example, the environment or the economy, as if they don't have such everyday concerns as grocery bills or children with colds.

I know exactly what he meant, because I have been guilty of thinking along those exact lines- seeing black women and men in one dimension, labelling and categorizing and trivializing them - and then wondering, just for a moment, and with a twinge of guilt, if they can read those thoughts in my eyes.

I especially mention black people because, ashamed as I am to admit it, my own personal prejudice has been directed primarily against them, and not against people of, say, Asian or Aboriginal descent. To those of you reading this article who are black, what else can I say? I can bring myself to admit this here, in print, only with the hope that it will help to persuade some of you of my sincerity.

I also make my admission because my experience demonstrates concretely the truth of the statement, "Ignorance is the root of prejudice." I have known a fair number of Chinese, Indo-Canadians, Aboriginals and Persians, but virtually no black people.

If I am finally making any progress towards blotting out the stain of racism buried within me, it is largely thanks to the wonderfully human black people I have come to know in the last couple of years.

The Bahá'í writings urge us to "abandon once and for all [our] usually inherent and at times subconscious sense of superiority, to correct [our] tendency towards revealing a patronizing attitude towards the members of the other race, to persuade them through [our] intimate, spontaneous and informal association with them of the genuineness of [our] friendship and the sincerity of [our] intentions..."

A polite smile and nod in the direction of racial harmony fools nobody. I certainly don't fool myself. I am beginning to realize that the struggle against racial prejudice, like so many other struggles, starts with ourselves.

The victory, like so many other victories, lies not in condemning ourselves or others, but in realizing a positive alternative, "a vision of race unity," in building a world where human diversity becomes, as the Bahá'í writings teach, "The cause of love and harmony, as it is in music where many different notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord."❑

Confront *Cont'd from page 3*

The B.C. NDP government must conduct thorough research into the conduct and attitude of bureaucrats toward minorities and women. The equity programs must be revamped and procedures regarding the treatment of minorities and women must be evaluated. More education and training regarding equal rights and justice is urgently needed.

Racism, sexism, and homophobia are viruses. They could be cured, but it requires a completely new look beyond colour and gender.

The power relations built on the principles of domination, control, and patriarchy must be smashed.

We need to open our hearts, minds and spirits. We must change our attitudes and put ourselves in other peoples moccasins. That is only the first step. More therapy is needed for one to totally get rid of the virus.

integration of North America if allowed to continue. Do people think that we are immune to what is happening in Eastern Europe? Not at all. It is just a matter of time.

The vibrating violence recently witnessed in Los Angeles, Montreal, Toronto, and Oka is just the beginning.

We need a concerted effort to avert a major bloodshed in North America. We have an obligation to build a better future for the next generation. The first step is changing yourselves. I know this is difficult, but please try. We can also educate and help our families and friends change their attitude towards minorities and women.

We must expose and vehemently oppose racist, sexist and homophobic policies of all governments, businesses and individuals. We must support the rights and freedom of all human beings. We must understand and challenge the status quo.

I confront racism regularly. Whether it is in the grocery store, shopping mall, or any place with merchandise.

Many people involved in social change still treat minorities and women like inferior animals. Some of these individuals are highly dedicated to issues like international development or the environment, but do not care about the emancipation and liberation of Aboriginal peoples, women and minorities.

This form of covert racism is very difficult to identify. They are allies, but need more work on these problems on an individual level.

Of course they ought to know better, but 500 years of Columbus domination philosophy is still part of their thinking and behaviour.

My hope is that education will change their attitudes. We demand equal rights, respect, and justice for all.

Racism, classism, sexism and homophobia will lead to the dis-

We could join groups working on these issues. Join the Anti-Racism and Discrimination committee of the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group. Join the Women's Centre, join the Anti-Nazi Alliance, contact the university's Equity Office. There are many resources out there if you are willing to look.

I have delivered several unlearning racism workshops to B.C. government employees, secondary and primary school teachers and students. I have also organized workshops and conferences on international development and the environment, participated in panel discussions, and served as a resource person for many educational events.

I vow to actively continue fighting any form of violence and discrimination till my death. The struggle continues - Muadapigor!!❑

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by Lizz Hanan

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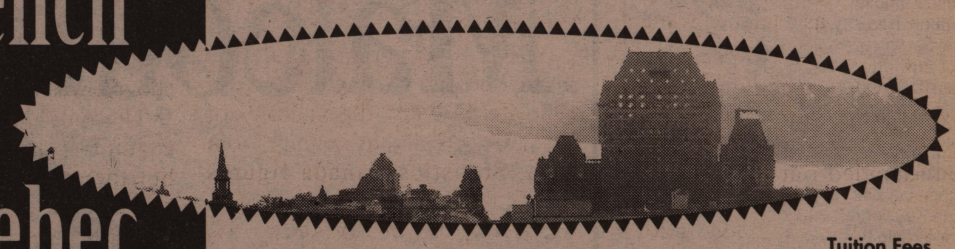

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U of T invites in racists

by Simona Chiose

TORONTO (CUP) - The Heritage Front - a circle of racist white supremacists - are the University of Toronto's newest fan.

At least that was the message on the group's hotline last week after a U of T political science professor invited HF leaders to speak in his class March 3.

The hotline, which is currently before the Human Rights Commission on charges it broadcasts hate propaganda against specific groups, gave "special thanks to the University of Toronto for providing an open marketplace of ideas."

Last October, the Federal Court of Canada upheld an

injunction banning the hotline, on charges the message incited hatred.

Anti-racist groups are outraged U of T gave a forum to Heritage Front leaders Wolfgang Droege and Gary Shipper, as well as to another white supremacist organization, The Church of the Creator.

"They don't belong on a university campus, they belong on the margins of Canadian society," said Robert Funk, of the B'Nai Brith League for Human Rights.

But Professor Joseph Fletcher and his third-year political science class, in which students study political and racial intolerance, say the class was a good opportunity to examine white supremacy first-hand.

After most of the 35 students in his class voted in favour of the visit, Fletcher invited the Heritage Front to field questions from students, who he says were informed and critical.

"They don't belong on a university campus, they belong on the margins of Canadian society."

"The class studied extensively from statistical material and academic studies, but the students felt they needed to learn from the real thing rather than simply study [racism] from books," said Fletcher.

"We brought them in to study racial intolerance. There were many critical questions and thoughtful probing of these people's replies."

Others, however, say the visit didn't unravel as Fletcher wanted.

After a two-hour question and answer period - designed to prevent HF leaders from unrestrained discourse of their views - the group handed out their monthly newsletter.

The materials included photos of David Duke and of one man giving a "Heil Hitler" salute.

Scott McGroarty, class representative to the Political Science Students Union, says he and his classmates weren't prepared for what he now sees as a skillfully-executed public relations coup maneuvered by the Heritage Front to gain legitimacy.

Apart from students' accounts of their personal knowledge of the group, he says no specific reading material on the beliefs of the Heritage Front was given to the class prior to the visit.

"When I looked later at the material they (the Heritage Front) left, there was no relation between the material they gave us and the group's representation of themselves during the class," he said.

But the faculty association, the chair of the political science department and U of T president Robert Prichard stand behind Fletcher's actions, saying the meeting was within the framework of an academic course on racial intolerance.

"We fully support academic freedom and it seems the framework was there," said Prichard.

Class representative McGroarty said although he believes in freedom of speech - even for those whose views might be considered unpalatable - the Heritage Front "exploited the class; they exploited the opportunity, it was like watching David Duke campaign for the presidency."

"The students felt they needed to learn from the real thing."

He said Front members evaded questions from students and successfully portrayed themselves as "friendly."

"I asked them, 'What is your affiliation with the KKK?' and Wolfgang Droege said he used to be a member but they are no longer affiliated with the group. They said the KKK was exploited by the media, that they're really not a violent organization."

For anti-racist groups, the Heritage Front is anything but "friendly" and if they came across that way, it is proof that what went on in the classroom did not further academic study.

"They don't tell the truth about what they believe," said Harriet Shaw (a pseudonym), a member of Anti-Racist Action, a youth group which has rallied against the Heritage Front.

Faculty association president Bill Graham defended Fletcher's actions by pointing to the fact that students who didn't want to be involved or felt uncomfortable with the presentation could leave the class without penalty.

"Professor Fletcher didn't require that students who have a problem of conscience to attend. Students have academic freedom as well and they can choose to exercise it," he said. According to Fletcher, only one student refused to attend.

McGroarty, however, said more than two people left the classroom after finding out the group would be answering questions.

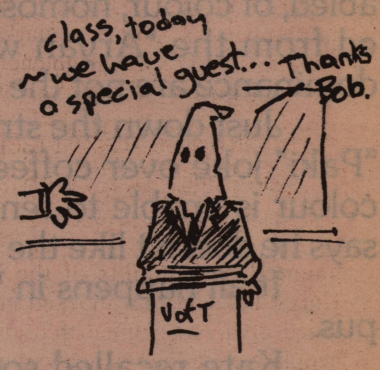
He added that there had been substantial opposition - approximately 15 students - to the proposal in the first place.

Although campus reviews are mixed, the Heritage Front is pleased with their visit to U of T. The hotline message referred to it as "a learning experience for all," adding that they are "looking forward to future speaking engagements on university campuses."

Gary Shipper, spokesperson for the Front, declined to comment on whether other universities will host them.University officials said they have no control over how the group abuses the visit to legitimize itself.

"I don't think any reasonable person can think that university supports the group's beliefs," said David Neelands, assistant vice-president of student affairs.

Critics, however, say the university should have known the group would use the engagement as a public relations opportunity.❑



T-C thinly veils racism

by Alisa Smith

The mainstream press is rooted in racism.

Let's look at our local daily, the *Times-Colonist* , for instance. The *Colonist* half of the paper's title should provide a clue as to its white supremacist slant.

Oh white settler, white Colonist, profiting here by ousting, disowning, disenfranchising the rightful Aboriginal inhabitants under the claim of "development." Now, we are living in British Columbia.

Let's make some comparisons, and shine the light of scrutiny upon the musings and so-called objective neutrality of the white heterosexual male perspective. Quite the limitation indeed.

Veiled racism: the *Times-Colonist* 's front page headlined "Asians top B.C. immigrant list - StatsCan" a few months ago. Here are the first two paragraphs of the Dec. 1992 story:

"B.C.'s immigrant population increased by 15 per cent from 1986 to 1991 and the majority of the new arrivals are coming from Asia, Statistics Canada figures show.

"The figures, released Tuesday, show a gradual change in the cultural make-up of immigrants to B.C. and for all Canada as the percentage of immigrants from Britain and Europe declines."

There is some interest in the changing demographics of Canada, but why the front page? Why the top story headlines? The presentation of these "facts" in such a prominent way seems to imply a fear of white people losing their majority status.

"Slow learners those Iranians."

The white sumpremist publication, *Straight Talk*:, from Ontario is frighteningly similar in its headlines. "NON-WHITES FLOOD TORONTO" screamed the cover of one issue.

A Feb. 18 editorial in the *Times-Colonist* entitled "Iraniacs" received angry public reaction, although a letter to the editor about it was not published.

Not only did the editorial writer imply Iranians were maniacs, but the racial insults continued throughout.

The first paragraph: "Iran still believes it can export its own brand of medieval viciousness without paying a price... "

The last paragraph: "Slow learners, those Iranians."

Then there was the *Times-Colonist*'s treatment of the potential commercial Aboriginal fisheries issue (versus the concerns of angry white commercial fishers) a couple of months ago.

The coverage excluded Aboriginal peoples' positions, focusing instead exclusively on white groups' anger and protest.

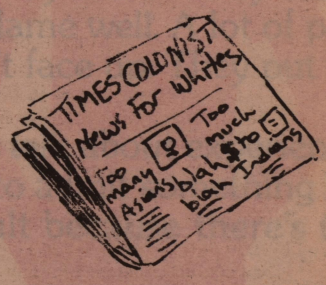
The *Times-Colonist* printed only one separate article on Aboriginal charges of racism against a white commercial lobby group. Balanced coverage is not 10 articles covering the racist white point of view, and one for the Aboriginal perspective.

A "Comment" piece called "Let's be fair in sharing salmon" sums up the *T-C* coverage.

It says Ottawa has already "funnelled the largesse to B.C. Indian groups" - so, the *T-C* claims, they've been given enough favours already. As if white imperialistic society has done Aboriginal peoples in Canada a lot of good over the last 400 years.

In a similarly mercenary vein, a Canadian Press article printed Feb. 4 on the attempted Innu youth suicides in Newfoundland, began: "Ottawa will pay... " This opening might imply the state is benevolent, but it sounds more like an emphasis on the cost of the embarrassing inconvenience of Aboriginal social problems.

And let's not even get into Gorde Hunter's commentaries, "One [Ethnocentric White] Man's Opinion."❑



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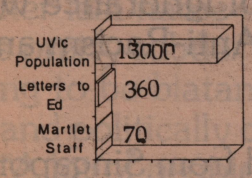

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RACISM H

by Shawn Hall

The tales of terror are not rare.

A young man of colour is beaten up by neo-Nazi skinheads in downtown Victoria. A woman is followed by a similar group for being a hippy. A far right gang assaults her for not living up to their ideal.

That ideal "includes just about anyone," said Kate of the Victoria-based Anti-Nazi Alliance, who doesn't want her last name revealed for fear of physical harm.

Such groups do not limit their hate. If you are disabled, of colour, homosexual, or a "hippy," you have deviated from the "Aryan warrior". But blatant violence and dominance are not the only forms of racism.

Just down the street, two people sit and share a good "Paki" joke over coffee. In another instance, a person of colour is unable to rent an apartment because the owner says he doesn't like the smell of Indian food.

It all happens in Victoria and on the university campus.

Kate recalled some of her initial encounters with neo-Nazis in Victoria. "The first thing I saw with neo-Nazis was at UVic last summer." She said there were posters reading "Adolf Hitler was right/White people Unite" plastered on campus.

"There were a number of incidents last summer," Kate said. Nazi Skinheads have been moving to Victoria from Eastern Canada. "I think one of the tactics [of the Nazis] is to send people to a city and pull together what otherwise might be a pretty fragmented [racist] movement."

As the number of Nazi driven physical and sexual assaults have increased, concerned people got together and formed the Anti-Nazi Alliance with a hotline for emergencies. They carry information on Nazi activity, and help any Nazis who want to leave the movement.

Victoria has a certain appeal to Nazis. "There's a lot of racism in this city, a lot of white money," said Kate. A Nazi can come out to Victoria and get a job and a place to live with the acceptance of those sharing their far right beliefs.

Such racist businesses do exist. The ANA have traced six threatening phonecalls to a business in downtown Victoria.

"Get your fucking facts straight!" was repeated over and over again in the calls.

Hate groups attract young people by offering empowerment and a sense of belonging. They look for young people who are angry and feel isolated and alone.

"Young people have no power in society and when a group comes along and offers a certain kind of power, even though very twisted, that attracts certain people," said Kate.

"It's important that people not only look at the most visible, most extreme forms of racism."

The racism and hate comes in later, once someone is already interested in the "family" aspects of the group. "It's not like people drive up and say 'Hey, we hate blacks. Come join us,'" said Kate. Cult tactics, racial rhetoric and violence are introduced once power is established through dependence on the group.

But this is an extreme and fortunately not too common form of racism.

"It's important that people not only look at the most visible, most extreme forms of racism," said Kate. "People need to remember that there's other racism going on as well. I think it's crucial for people to start addressing their own racism and homophobia. There's a tendency to blame other people."

There are few people of colour on campus who do not have a personal story about incidents that could have been racist. It is often simply assumed that the abuser is having a bad day or has a problem with this person for some reason other than race, but the proof is in the sheer numbers.

Statistics abound, but they are mute. The fact is, most people who do not fit into "mainstream" society face discrimination. Personal stories are perhaps the best windows into these all too common events.

Prince Nallo remembers walking into the campus Student Union Building on his first day as a full time employee, responsible for the organization of the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group. The first question he was asked was if he was looking for a job in the kitchen.

"That's the kind of stereotype that leads to discrimination," he said.

Nallo plays soccer on campus. Some of the players joke, "Oh, you don't need a tan."

"Isn't there anything important you can say to me besides my skin colour?" Nallo asked. "After that happens there's a big laugh about it and they try to patronize me. They don't intend to be racist, but there is some kind of virus in the head.

"I feel that there's nothing to gain from hate. It's healthy to disagree, to have a political mind, but it's proven over and over again that we can find strength in diversity."

So he tries to fight this kind of ignorance with his work, particulary with the VIPIRG Anti-Racism and Discrimination Committee.

Simran Graewal recalls a friend from Singapore who had a woman walk up to her in front of the Eaton's Centre and say, "Why don't you go back to where you belong!"

It's hard to be any clearer than that.

ITS HOME

Rupa Fernando has had some trouble renting rooms to live in while he studies at UVic. He said in one place, the owners asked him what food he cooks and actively discouraged him from moving in. They said they wouldn't rent to him if they didn't like his food's smell.

Another time, he and a friend saw a room they really liked. On phoning back to rent the room, the owner discouraged them from taking it.

"I was sure they didn't like us," Fernando said, "but we were not sure whether it was for discrimination or not." But since this sort of thing happened twice, Fernando was suspicious.

"Kelly," another student of colour, remembers an episode in the university cafeteria last year. Kelly picked up a couple of things and went to pay.

She didn't hear the amount the student cashier said to her and asked her to repeat it. "The way she talked to me, I think she looked at my skin colour and assumed I didn't understand English, thought I was stupid."

Kelly would have assumed, like so many others, that she was just having a bad day if the other cashier hadn't said, "She [Kelly] is not stupid. She knows what she's saying."

Kelly then went through the line and looked back. She said the cashier who had talked down to her was dealing with other, white, students without any problem. "I kind of just ignored it, but [the other cashier] picked it up." Perhaps the other cashier had seen it many times.

"It's not direct racism, but sort of hidden," said Kate. "I'm sure she wouldn't have done that if it was someone else. I have spoken to a friend about this and he told me that he had gone through a similar thing.

"She could look at me as a threat to her," Kate said. "Maybe she assumes that since I'm a foriegn student I'm here taking her place."

Overseas immigrants actually contribute to the economy and diverse character of B.C., said Kelly. As they get jobs and run their own businesses, they pay taxes and employ others.

She, by no means, suggests that every white is ignorant of the value of diversity. But for every one that is, it seems that there is one that isn't.

"I think it has to be a learning process on both sides," she said. "We have to understand why they feel that way and they have to understand that it's not easy for us [to get jobs] either."

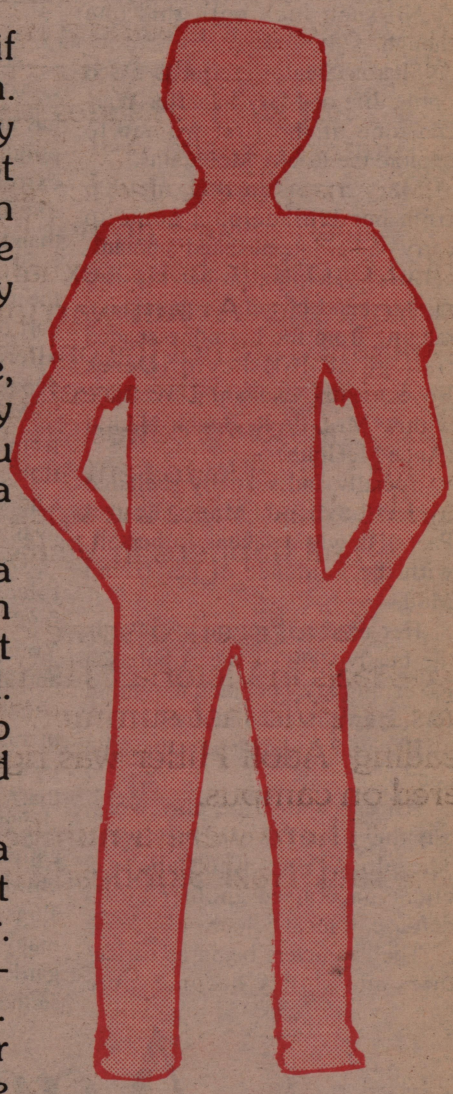
"I think she looked at my skin colour and assumed I didn't understand English, thought I was stupid."

Sabha, a person of colour on campus who does not want her last name used, said, "Most of the racism we get here is pretty subtle." It is not acceptable in this institute of learning to be blatantly racist, so it is hidden behind "bad days" and politically correct language.

"A lot of people can't get the fact that Canadian does not mean white," Sabha said. "People assume that if you're not white, you're not Canadian, so they will ask you where you are from."

She was born in Golden, B.C., but says some people have trouble believing that she considers herself a Canadian.

People often ask her if her parents speak English. Caucasian friends from Italy or Greece or wherever do not get the same questions, even though they are often more recent immigrants. The only variant is colour.



"They don't even see, they don't understand why they're racist," she said. "You just want to hit them with a bat.

"But growing up in a predominantly caucasian school and society you get used to [racism]," she said. People of colour grow up with people implying and telling them they are inferior.

She told a story of a woman who was yelled at and spit on for her colour. "And she just didn't do anything. She was just so passive.

"If [she] had reacted or something it would have been fine," she said. "She felt it was her fault because she wasn't fitting in."

She compared this passiveness to the feeling of powerlessness and guilt many women have when assaulted by men. "They blame themselves instead of placing the blame well. A lot of people who face racist incidents won't face up. They put the blame on themselves."

She said a lot of people won't talk about experiences of racism because they don't want to admit something has happened. "They feel it's their fault because there's this huge pressure to assimilate."

It is not surprising, then, so many people feel racism is not a problem in B.C., in Victoria, or at UVic. But it's a general feeling among those active in fighting racism that the situation is getting worse, perhaps because of hard economic times.

Sabha felt that the best way to fight racism was through education.

"People don't get it that to assume a person of colour is an immigrant is racist," Sabha said. It perpetuates an image of a white Canada invaded by people of brown skin who want to take over.

After hearing the stories of these people of colour who live in Victoria it seems racism, both blatant and subtle, is an underlying current in our society and probably always will be. But perhaps by recognizing it and confronting those who peddle hateful rhetoric and ideas, racism's influence can be limited and its effects minimized.

ARTS

No offense from Belfry play

by David Leach

Hunter of Peace is the kind of play that leaves reviewers speechless.

This effect, however, is not so much from the Belfry play's overwhelming brilliance as from the fact that there isn't much that can be said about it, good or bad.

If *Hunter of Peace* were a Broadway smash in the making, one could break open the thesaurus and gush shamelessly for a thousand words, spilling superlatives like cheap wine.

Or, if it were a truly atrocious dog, the reviewer could then don a smock, sharpen the critical scalpel and start gleefully chopping away.

No such luck with this one though.

Sharon Stearns' script is based on the life of Mary Schaffer Warren, one of the first women to explore the Rocky Mountains.

Mary travels to B.C. in 1906 from her Philadelphia home to carry on her late husband's botanical work. Helping on her trip is a rag-tag band of quirky characters, ranging from the hormone-headed trail guide Bill Peyto (Derek Boyes) to the endearing five-time widow Mrs. de la Beach-Nichol (Anne McGrath).

Socially and sexually sheltered by her husband, Mary (Laurel Paetz) slowly awakens to herself, with the guidance of her friend Moll.

Her external journey towards the headwaters of the Athabasca River quickly becomes a symbol for her own internal journey.

Bet you couldn't see that one coming.

All aspects of the play work, but they don't work very well. The plot is one notch above a cliché and raised another by its deft use of local colour.

The characters begin as caricatures and slowly become more rounded, although never to completeness.

Mrs. de la Beach-Nichol, the aging butterfly collector, has a monopoly on the best lines in an otherwise unremarkable script. McGrath fires them all on target with effortlessly accurate timing.

Hunter of Peace is the Belfry's bread-and-butter. Lots of Canadian content, politically palatable social commentary, many laughs, and a whiff of the tragic gives some texture to the light-hearted tone of the play.

Director D. Michael Dobbin pulls it together seamlessly, moving his cast smoothly around the set and through the aisles, keeping the audience on their toes.

Hunter of Peace is a good play to see on a first date. There is nothing in the production likely to offend anyone, and the story, while providing an hour or so of amusement, won't distract you and your date from the rest of your evening.

Hunter of Peace continues at the Belfry Theatre until Mar. 27. Call 385-6815 for ticket information.❑

Poet swims in images

by Adrienne Mercer

Victoria poet Patricia Young has an extraordinary gift for clear, poignant imagery. Her writing is extremely visual, the lines flow like bright swirls of paint rather than text.

Young's March 12 reading at the UVic Fine Arts Building was part of the Friday Readings Series offered by the Creative Writing department.

Most of the poems were taken from a recent unpublished collection, *More Watery Still*. Young said she hoped the book would be available soon.

One of the book's most vivid selections is called "Your Making." The subject of the poem is Young's eight-year-old son, Liam, and his reaction to a discussion about procreation. It was easy to picture his nose wrinkling in distaste as he said "You had to do that?!"

"The Beginning of a Terrible Career" reveals two of Young's childhood fascinations: fire and slugs. The poem is sure to make many recall a day spent sitting in a garden, pestering slugs with a toy stethoscope.

Young read a powerful new poem entitled "Murals" which was inspired by the well known whale mural on Victoria's Wharf St. Her voice was strong as she denounced the hypocrisy of "honouring" whales with such a display, while their habitat is being polluted and their numbers are shrinking.

Whether she was describing a favourite memory, or the texture of battered clothing, Young's voice was realistic and effective.

"Somewhere His Shoes" combines images of the author's thoughts while her partner was away in France. The image of Young at her kitchen table, in an old sweatshirt smudged with marmalade, was particularly realistic. Young's husband, and her children, Clea and Liam, are recurring characters in much of her work.

Young completed her reading with a long poem, "Pompeii". It followed the journey of a woman and her lover to the city. The two get separated, and the woman's thoughts alternate with the ghostly apparitions of mute, staring faces.

More Watery Still should be available at local bookstores later this year.❑

Redressing The Crone, art exhibit open till March 20.

Crones lose face

by Brett Grubisic

North American society measures beauty in scalpels and silicone.

The tricky issues of beauty and physical attractiveness are discussed in *Redressing The Crone*, a photographic exhibit at Open Space until March 20.

Approximately forty black and white portraits are of women from diverse socio-economic backgrounds who express concern and dismay with their current bodily status.

Cynthia Jennifer Smith's photographs centre on the faces and bodies of women who have undergone cosmetic surgery in order to restore what is perceived to be missing or imperfect.

One subject had her nose reduced, another had her breasts reduced, while another woman had her breasts altered to match Barbie-centric ideals.

Relentless exposure to the discontent in the portraits makes one consider the scary cultural implications of these actions. As the exhibit's title makes clear, the women don't want to be considered "crones" - not valuable, erotic, or wanted women existing on the margins of a society which overvalues youth and impossible media enforced beauty.

The solutions - tucks, liposuction, implants, reductions - are painful, expensive, potentially dangerous and only temporary. Still, even after observing the incisions and bruises it is difficult to be entirely critical of the process. In several portraits the women seem content with their new appearance.

But for the most part, surgery in the name of an elusive ideal is presented as a highly problematic enterprise.

"Marking Time: The Crone Revisited," an essay by Nancy Shaw in the exhibition catalogue, stresses the negative aspects in the portraits.

"Plastic surgery is a medical solution to aging and beauty that masks a set of complex social, economic and political motivations. The surgical inscriptions of burning [and] peeling ... localize and isolate impossible patriarchal ideals of femininity on women's bodies," writes Shaw.

Like Naomi Wolf in *The Beauty Myth*, Shaw stresses the political ramifications of the seemingly apolitical term 'beauty'. Beauty, as Wolf wrote, is an economy, and "Like any economy, it is determined by politics, and in the modern age in the West it is the last, best belief system that keeps male dominance intact."

The critical commentary around cosmetic surgery places the women Smith photographed in a vulnerable position. If they are viewed as being content with their "enhancements" they are victims of their culture's impossible demands. If they are not viewed as victims, they are complicit with the very order which suppresses them.

Either way they lose.

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Lesbian history portrayed in *Forbidden Love*

by Theresa Newhouse

You won't find lesbian history in your history text book.

Film makers Aerlyn Weissman and Lynne Fernie waded through old black and white footage, personal interviews and lurid pulp fiction to bring lesbian history out of the closet.

The result, *Forbidden Love*, is a documentary about lesbians in the 1950s and '60s. The film sold out at both the Roxy theatre and Cinecenta as part of the Victoria International Film Festival.

"We're delighted with the response; it's certainly finding the audience for whom it was made," said Weissman.

The film also incorporates interviews with older lesbians across the country, archival footage of gay bars and a fictional love story inspired by the underground lesbian novels of the time.

"Film makers waded through old footage of interviews to bring lesbian history out of the closet."

"I was interested in doing something that was Canadian. Lynne had done some wonderful research into the bar culture in Canada," said Weissman.

"I have always been interested in posters and book covers with what we consider the overblown aesthetic."

The novels featured in the movie have titles like *Lesbians in Black Lace*, *Man Hater: They hid their claws under nail polish*, and *Girls' Barrack: Warped desires of women who need no men.*

"If you were a young lesbian it was the one place you would see the word lesbian outside of a medical dictionary. Despite the negative message, it was a very important source of information," said Weissman.

"You won't find lesbian history in your history book."

Weissman said the National Film Board, whom they approached with the film idea, was accepting of the topic of the movie despite its being heralded as the NFB's first queer film.

The project took four years to complete. For the interviews, the directors began with their own connections to the lesbian community.

"We would sit down and have tea and cookies and get to talking about the old days and pretty soon they'd say 'you've got to talk to so and so.' They would make the introduction to the next people. [The process was] like the old underground network of the '50s," said Weissman.

"We tried to include a real diversity. I think we were drawn to people," said Weissman "We didn't want to do one of those monolithic histories."

The film contains images of the gay bar scene of the '50s, but no lesbian content, as it was difficult to find, Weissman said.

The only Canadian bar footage of lesbians was a shot which had to be cut away, step printed and slowed down. "If it went by in real time you couldn't really tell what was going on," said Weissman.

Weissman has been involved in the Canadian film industry for over 20 years. She has won two Gemini Awards for sound recording for *Magnificat* and *Whalesong*. Her first feature film, *A Winter Tan*, was released in 1989.

Co-director Lynne Fernie has been part of the Toronto feminist and art communities for the last 15 years. She is currently a co-editor of the contemporary arts magazine *Parallelogramme*, and was a founding member of the Fireweed publishing collective.

The film represents an important part of uncovering lost and silenced lesbian history in Canada and internationally.

It conveys a nostalgia while distinguishing the reality of the bar scene. It also questions heterosexual influences on lesbian lifestyles, like "butch" and "femme" roles.

The movie is about celebrating

lesbian roots, and laughing and learning from lesbians of the past. Judging from audience response, the movie has been successful in doing this.❑

Dance raises money

by Jennifer Ringdal

A benefit concert at Victoria's Norway House March 12 raised money for the preservation of ancient forests.

The concert raised over $500 for Victoria's Environmental Youth Alliance, according to Chris O'Gorman, a member of the EYA and one of the many volunteer workers at the event.

The money will go towards the Alliance's efforts to save ancient forests along the coasts of the Americas.

For a mere $5, guests were entertained by a marathon five hour concert by Victoria bands Dadawah, Loose, The Vinagrettes, Sam and Kelly, and Knowone You Know.

Sam and Kelly began the sounds with a skillful mix of bass and acoustic guitar that rang to the rafters with complex harmonies and thoughtful mixing that is uncommon on the funk/blues scene that they ascribe to.

This was not music to dance to, but for listening, a sensuous pleasure of sound remarkable for two instruments.

Knowone You Know came next, after a confused half-hour of setting up and checking sound. By that time, the house was full and spilling over to the streets and lawns outside. More than 100 people were turned away.

The band performed a mix of covers and original tunes that all spoke to the destruction of the earth, the pain of loss and the hope that the war might yet be won.

By the time Loose, the final band, preformed, the only people on the sides were asleep or just down right exhausted after four hours of dancing.

It was difficult to see the half dozen people on stage as they ground out that music that is so hard to define. It contains elements of every well-known musical style except country (and even that is questionable) and some obscure styles that defy naming here.

It's great to mosh to. The high-energy of the bands and crowd reflected off each other, driven by a desire to see the common goal of ecological stability met.

The huge crowd of people waiting to get in was enough for a concerned neighbour to call the police, but no legal action was taken as the outsiders were told there was no more room.❑

Shakespeare's play never a dull moment

by David Leach

The Comedy of Errors, Shakespeare's shortest and possibly earliest play, is usually considered a mildly amusing journeywork paving the way towards the more complex comedies of his maturity.

Relying on the mistaken identities of two sets of identical twins separated as children, the story often seems to hang on a thin thread of fancy.

But the Phoenix Theatre's new production of the play brings out all the comic strengths hidden in this flimsy plot. From the opening notes of the Arabic score to the starlit conclusion, there isn't a dull moment in this witty interpretation.

The action centres around the two sets of twins - Antipholus of Syracuse and Antipholus of Ephesus - and their servants Dromio and Dromio.

The confusion begins when Antipholus the Syracusian arrives in Ephesus and is mistaken for his twin brother by his brother's wife and friends.

This plot has a formula ending with the the fate of their father, Egeon of Syracuse, who is to be executed for trespassing into Ephesus in search of his lost wife and son. The torn sails and broken masts hanging from the set's ceiling serve as a reminder of the shipwreck that sent this domino-effect into motion.

Director Michael Booth has suffered a stroke of genius in bumping up the date of the action from classical times to the last days of the Ottoman Empire in the early 1920s. He cashes in both on the Casablanca-like romance of the setting and the atmosphere of abounding sorcery.

Costume Designers Irene Pieper and David Crosson play along and provide some wonderfully ornate uniforms for all the fez-wearing extras.

But it's the precise comic timing of the actors that really makes this performance magical. Paul Fauteux and Lucas Robert Myers show perfect slapstick sense in their bruised and confused roles as the two Dromios. UVic MFA student Pia Wyatt steps in as cameo director for the choreography of a hilarious slow-motion fight scene that can't possibly be described in words.

The timing of the whole show is so tight that even the shifts in lighting get laughs.

Last, but certainly not least, Florence MacGregor Hatfield's performance as Antipholus of Ephesus' jealous wife, Adriana, is very skilled.

The strongest in a strong cast, Hatfield is a genuine switch-hitter, playing both sides of the dramatic mask to great effect. From her comic moments of rubber-faced exasperation, she turns on a dime to seriousness, adding new levels of meaning to her reflections on marriage.

Shakespeare has been passed down to us as the greatest English dramatist not simply for what is at the surface of his lines, but for the flexibility of his plays to different interpretations.

The Phoenix staff and students have proven this theory by inventively jazzing up the work of a playwright who, as writer Ben Jonson said, was "not of an age, but for all time."

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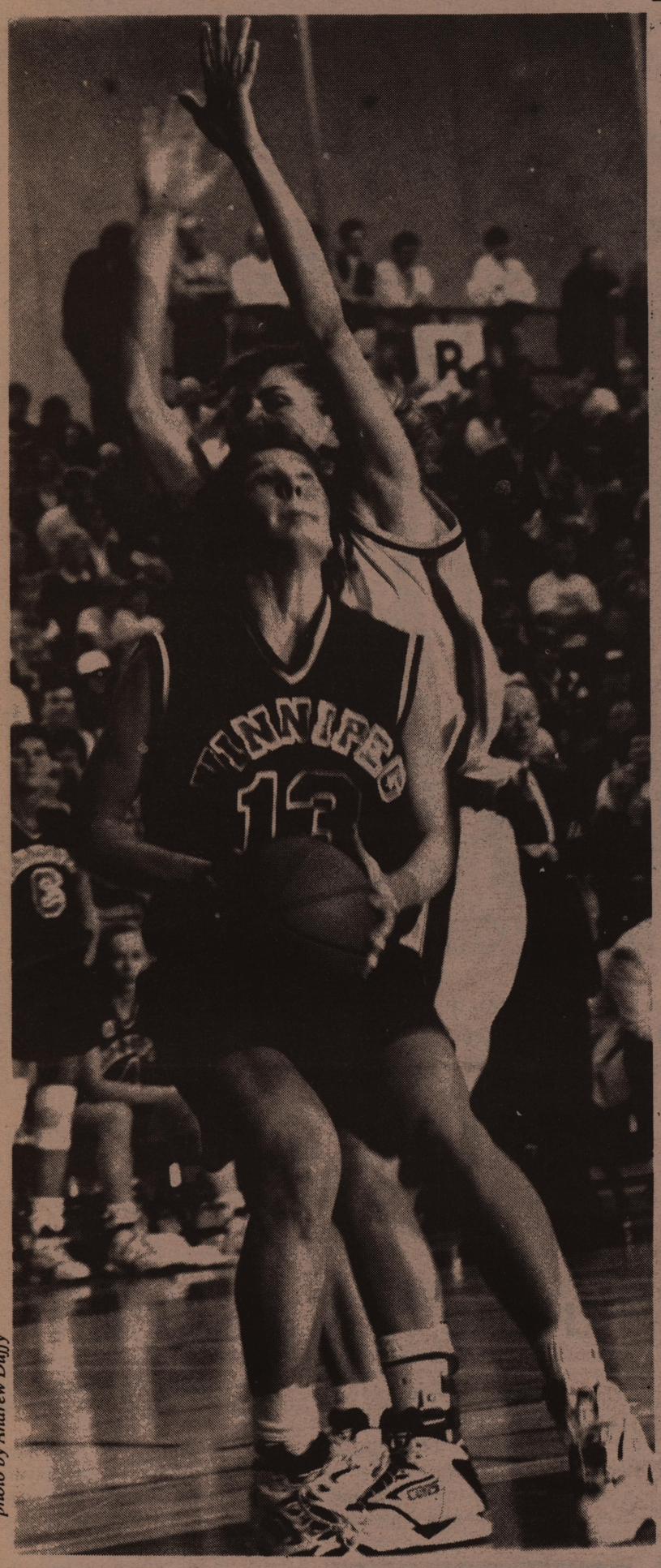

photo by Andrew Duffy

Winnipeg guard Larisa Waschuk battles Vike centre Kirstine Brown for the upper hand.

by Andrew Duffy

Kathy Shields hoped experience would outweigh the pressure a home-town crowd would put on the Vikes, but the 2500 enthusiastic and noisy fans that packed McKinnon gym on Sunday may have been just a bit too much.

"The extra pressure for these players will come from playing at home," Shields said before the tournament. "Though, because it is their second shot at the finals, it may alleviate the pressure — at least I hope so."

Shields' hopes were dashed as she watched her Vikes struggle from the opening tip off, play catch-up for most of the game, and eventually fall to the talented University of Winnipeg Wesmen 70-63 in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union women's basketball title game.

"The hometown crowd was awesome, they were wonderful," Shields said, still wiping tears from her eyes after an emotional post game dressing room meeting with her team. "Their support this weekend was incredible."

But the enthusiasm in the bleachers manifested itself on the court in the unconfident shooting and tentative defense the Vikes started with. Normally reliable team leader Tara Gallaway struggled early on to find the range, and the Vikes were completely shut down inside.

At the other end of the court, the Vikes were dominated at the post position by Wesmen's Michelle Chambers, who finished with 17 points. The Vikes also didn't help their cause by turning the ball over 17 times, a statistic the Wesmen took full advantage of.

> "They got off to a quick start on us and we got a little tighter."

"We came out pretty tight," Shields admitted. "They got off to a quick start on us and we got a little tighter."

The Vikes just couldn't get anything going inside, and they were forced to shoot from long range. Unfortunately, Gallaway was not on her game, though she finished with a team high 16 points, and she forced shots that just would not fall.

Vikes third year guard Chris Van Aert who was shooting well, finished with 15 points but did not shoot often enough, and Heather Bohez who finished with 15 as well, saved her best for the second half when the team was already down 36-23.

Shields half time talk implored her team to attack defensively, and to get aggressive on the court. The team regrouped and did just that, at least for the first few minutes when they cut the 13 point lead the Wesmen had opened in the first half to six.

But for every challenge the Vikes offered, the Wesmen had an answer. Each time the Vikes closed the lead, the Wesmen looked inside to Chambers or outside to their dual guard threat of Sandra Carroll, who finished with 20 points, and the feisty Diane Zunic, who was a thorn in the side of the Vikes all day long.

The Vikes, to their credit, refused to give up. The team battled to the end, and with 21 seconds left the Vikes were within striking distance with the score 66-63. However, the Vikes then lost forward Heather Bohez who fouled out, and the Wesmen hit both freethrows to eliminate any real hope of a miraculous comeback.

It was a tough way to lose a national title, at home in front of family and friends, but besides losing the national crown the Vikes had to bid farewell to their coach Kathy Shields and players Tara Gallaway and Heather Bohez, without the 1993 title they had worked all year to win.❑

A farewell to Shields

by Andrew Duffy

She paced the foyer nervously, minutes before the tip off, but not even a few quiet moments could settle Kathy Shields' nerves as she led her Vikes into the women's national basketball championship Sunday against the University of Winnipeg Wesmen.

Shields, whose on-court professionalism and even temper have been her trademarks, admitted earlier this week that the final game of the season would be an emotional one for her.

"When it's all over I think the emotion will hit me," Shields said. "I will be leaving after this season, although at this point it is just for one year. What it means is leaving a number of people I have worked with closely for years and the players I have been with."

Shields will leave her position at UVic to take over the reins of the national women's team.

Through the CIAU national tournament' Shields maintained control of her feelings. But when it was all over and her Vikes fell short in a 70-63 decision to the Wesmen, Shields had to shed a few tears.

Walking out of the dressing room after spending a few moments with the team from which so much had been expected, she wiped tears from her eyes and braved the onslaught of reporters wondering what went wrong.

Again Shields handled the confrontation with grace and professionalism, as she has done throughout her distinguished career at UVic.

During her 15-year career with the women's team, Shields has helped guide the team to the national tournament twelve times, and under her guidance as head coach it has won six national titles.

Last year she coached her Vikes to a perfect 20-0 record and ultimately the national title, a feat she nearly repeated this year. However, losses to Lethbridge last week in the Canada West playoffs, and now Winnipeg in the final, tainted what could have been a perfect send off.

"It has been a tough couple of weeks, no question," Shields said after the Winnipeg loss. She made no secret of the fact that her team had given everything they had, and had nothing to be ashamed of.

In Shields, the University of Victoria loses a class act and a cornerstone of Canadian women's basketball, but her legacy will live on with the players she coached, who will continue the quest for the national title in the next few years.❑

UVic may play host again

by Andrew Duffy

The extremely loud, supportive and enthusiastic crowd filling the McKinnon Gym over the weekend during the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union women's basketball championships may have done more than sway the tides of the game's momentum.

The CIAU has been working on a plan where the national championships will be hosted in the same place year after year, to give the nationals a home. At this point, hockey and football already have permanent homes.

The university hockey championships will now be held at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens, while football will be held at the Skydome. The CIAU is now looking for a semi-permanent home for women's basketball, and the finalists are Victoria and Calgary.

Officials who were in Victoria for the national championships had to be impressed with the crowds that filed into McKinnon, as well as noticing that the people of Victoria love their basketball. The city is a basketball hotbed.

However, before a site can be chosen, a sticky issue is still to be resolved: whether or not the host team should get an automatic bye into the finals.

Under the present system the host team, whether it wins its division or not, is guaranteed a berth in the tournament.

Some factions are arguing it is not fair one team may qualify for the tournament three years running without a team that could handle the competition.

Only when the hometown Vikes took to the floor were there a good number of supporters in the stands.

It would not be a popular ticket in Victoria, or anywhere else for that matter, if there was no home town players to support.

The decisions on this issue are not expected to come for a while.❑

Vikes losing leaders after final

by Andrew Duffy

The *Collins Concise Dictionary* - though for many not the lexicon of choice, still a worthy book - defines the term "leader" as one who rules, guides or inspires others. They may well have had Vikes women's basketball stars Heather Bohez and Tara Gallaway in mind when they added the `or inspires' phrase.

The two fifth year players have been nothing short of inspiring this year, leading the Vikes to another berth in the national final. The loss in the final to the Winnipeg Wesmen did not befit these two outstanding players.

Gallaway is intense, eternally focused on her objective. Bohez is only a little more laid back, but is no less committed andcompetitive.

Both are terrific at either end of the court. Bohez's domain is the paint, an area she took over in the national final on Sunday against tournament MVP Michelle Chambers of Winnipeg.

"This team is great, they take care of themselves by and large and they always work hard on the court."

Gallaway can score from anywhere, a veritable threat from three point land, she can also drive to the basket with authority.

Unfortunately, Gallaway had a slow start; as did the entire team, on Sunday. She forced shots and looked panicked at times. Bohez on the other hand took control of the game in the second half as the Vikes battled back, but it just wasn't enough.

Before the tournament, Gallaway said she tries to lead by example, and to that end she succeeded in her goal. Her excellent play and ability led her to the recognition as Canada West player of the year.

"They have also been there when the team hit rough spots."

"I find that it is most important that I'm there when the team has been working hard for a while and they need a boost," she said of her role as leader, "but this team is great, they take care of themselves by and large and they always work hard on the court."

On a team that is blessed with great chemistry and a wealth of youth (the Vikes will only lose the two seniors next year) Gallaway and Bohez were both teachers and players.

For first and second year players, the two set a brilliant example and offered instruction when needed. Rookie forward Lisa Bright admitted that without the help of both Bohez and Gallaway, her transition from high school basketball to the faster and more physical game in the university ranks would have been impossible.

"I have learned so much this year," Bright said. "It was a big jump from high school to university — it was a bit of a shock to the system.

"There was so much to learn at first, I was lost," she said, "but the veterans on the team like Heather and Tara helped me a lot. They have also been there when the team hit rough spots."

photo by Andrew Duffy

Overcome with emotion, Tara Gallaway can no longer hold back the tears she fought off in the last moments of the game, while teammate Heather Bohez offers support.

And there is the mark of a true leader. When things begin to look impossible or there is a crisis, it is imperative that there is a steadying influence. For the Vikes that influence came from Bohez and Gallaway.

Both players had hoped to finish the year and their last season with another national title, and when that feat failed to materialize Sunday afternoon their emotions got the better of them.

While they missed the chance to go out with a win, they went out in style and will be sorely missed by their teammates who are left to carry on without them.❑

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Future hopes bright

by Andrew Duffy

As the Vikes left their bench - tears streaming down their faces after the loss to the Winnipeg Wesmen in the women's national basketball final - there was an air of optimism in the departing crowd.

The crowd may very well have felt badly for the Vikes' players who won't have a shot at another title, but the words on their lips: Just wait until next year.

Though the Vikes will be without the services of coach Kathy Shields, she has left a wealth of knowledge and a firm understanding of what it takes to win for those who will be here next year.

Only two players will leave the Vikes this year. And while Tara Gallaway and Heather Bohez will be sorely missed, the Vikes will be sporting a very competitive side next year.

Lead by standout guard Christina Van Aert, who was nothing short of incredible during this national tournament, the Vikes can look forward to leading the Canada West conference again next year.

The spirited and gutsy play of Audrey Dennison , Susanne Tomio and Kirstine Brown also impressed those who watched any part of the tournament, and each of the players had a major role in taking the Vikes to the final game.

The Vikes have a lot to look forward to in the coming years. And while it may take a while to get over the heartbreaking loss they suffered in the final, when they step on the court next year they will be looking for revenge.❑

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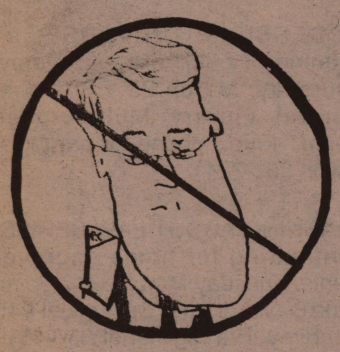

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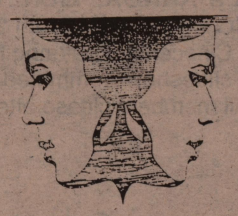

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JOBS

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PSST

houses are made of bricks and wood, and you, my copy dream, are not like a basement flood. D-man.

Que sera sera ... my munchie bar buddie, thank you for all your help through the last 3 weeks of hell; and don't worry, arguing with a sexist anarchist, I'm never bored!

Even tyrannical co-editors should make copy deadlines!!

LOST AND FOUND

LOST- Gold Bracelet, chain. Nameplate reads Jo, reverse Zazzie. Sentimental value. 388-4339.

LOST- Ballpoint pen Red with god top sentiment value possibly in Library. Please return to Elizabeth McLaurin 343.

FOUND- One Computer disk at the bus terminal 389-1065.

FOUND- Abalone ring outside of Cornett Building phone 595-2096 or stop by Cornett A048

LEFT IN CORNETT WASHROOM black pearl and diamond ring. Please return to Christine @477-1701. Sentimental value.

"LAS VEGAS SPRING OF 91" If you know of anyone who was at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel, By the Pool March 30 1991. Reward, good news and very important! Please call: (370) 424-7801, Chuck.

FOUND- a silver half-moon earring in front of the MacLaurin Building. Call 721-7874 or in the MacLaurin Building, room A343.

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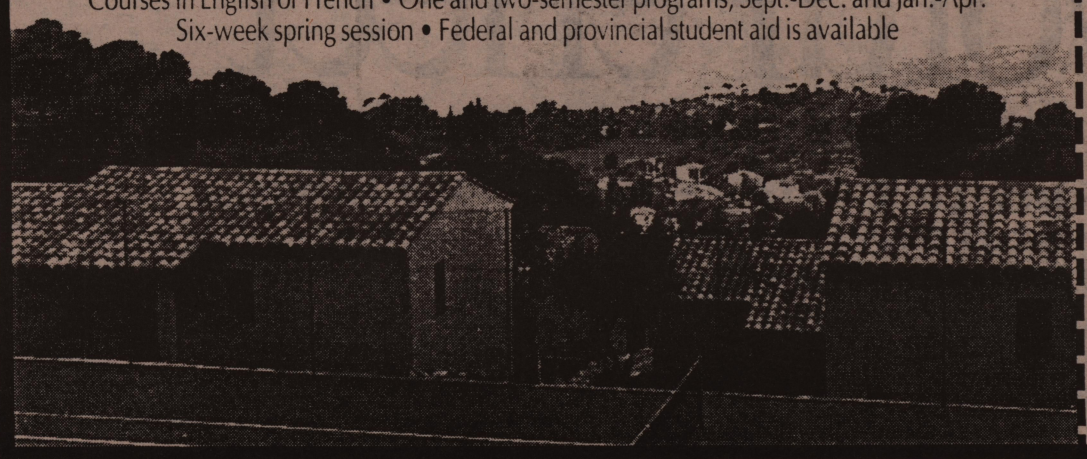

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BILLBOARDS

THURSDAY 18

WORKSHOP

FACILITATION WORKSHOP from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m in MacLaurin D111. Learn about consensus and facilitating techniques.

ECOSYSTEM FORESTRY: A wholistic Approach. Public Forum with Panelist, at 7:30 p.m. at the Newcombe Theatre. Admission $5.

EVENTS

FOCUS ON BRITISH COLUMBIA with the Victoria Symphony, 8p.m. University Centre Auditorium.

MOTHER'S CUPBOARD COFFEE HOUSE presents a reading and performance from the prose of Susan Fraser. 1252 Wharf St. Admission $1, 380-2445.

ANTI RACISM & DISCRIMINATION movie 11:30, in Cinecenta.

MISS JULIE presented by Phoenix Theatre directed as a Masters of Fine Arts Directing Project by Pia Wyatt, 18 & 19: 12:30 pm. $5.

FRIDAY 19

MEETING

ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN AND CANADIAN STUDENTS have organized a Multi-Talent Nite. Various clubs/societies in the University are involved. March 19th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Upper Lounge. Tix $1 UVic Students, $2 others.

EVENTS

JOHN CAGE will be honoured in memorial concertat 8 p.m., UVic Sonic Lab. Admission is free. For more information call 721-7908.

MISS JULIE presented by Phoenix Theatre directed as a Masters of Fine Arts Directing Project by Pia Wyatt, 18 & 19: 12:30 pm. $5.

CREATIVE WRITING DEPT student finalists will be reading 12:30 Fine Arts Bldg Room 103, free.

KNOW 1 U NO plays 11 am in front of the SUB, sponsored by VIPIRG Anti Racism & Discrimination Committee.

SATURDAY 20

EVENTS

COFFEE HOUSE at the Fernwood community center 1923 Fernwood, at 8 p.m. Tix $3 to $5 proceeds will go to our June production of forestry issues.

IMPROMANIACS, *Around the Universe in One Suggestion*, March 20 & 27, Camosun College Landsdowne Campus, Fisher 100 Auditorium $6/5 (students /seniors/ unwaged) 9 pm, 388-3658.

SUNDAY 21

EVENTS

THE VISION OF RACE UNITY: a most challenging issue: join us for an evening of performance, speakers and displays to mark the UN Day for the elimination of racial discrimination 7:30 pm David Lam Auditorium (MAC A144) Sponsored by the Intercultural Association and the Baha'i Communities of Greater Victoria.

TUESDAY 23

MEETINGS

VIPIRG'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held March 23 at 12:30 in Cinecenta. Featuring Mystic Vale slideshow committee displays. All members please attend.

UPCOMING

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS ON LOAN: The UVic Student's Society is beginning a campaign to "End Student Poverty" We are taking pictures of students on loan holding a card to show their accumulated debt for a visual impact to lobbey for an improved system. Anyone interested in having their picture taken can contact Kelly Greenwell 721-8368 or come by the Resource Centre.

MOTHER'S CUPBOARD: a weekly gathering for Victoria's pagan community. Coffee house 7:30 pm 1252 Wharf, admission $1. 380-2445.

STOP BLAMING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS: free lecture and discussion 7:30 pm Thursday March 25, Union Centre 2750 Quadra Sponsored by the Socialist Party, info 595-2144.

FORUM ON OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES will be held March 25 at 7 p.m. at Clearihue C112. Janine Wear will speak on International Development Programs for students interested in working abroad.

NOON FILM SHOW: *Korea:Reflections on the Morning Calm* and T*he Taj Mahal*, Thursday March 25, 12-1, *The Titanic: A question of murder* and *Reckon with the Wind,* Thursday April 1, 12-1; Central Library Multipurpose Room (735 Broughton St.) No admission.

ACCESSIBLE UNIVERSE, an evening of backyard astronomy. Thursday, March 25 7:30-9p.m. Central Library Multipurpose Room. Free - phone for pre registration 382-7241.

LEARNING ABOUT LAW SERIES: contracting for home improvements, Tuesday March 30, 7-9p.m. Oak Bay Library Branch, 1440 Monterey. Pre register at 388-4516 (free admission).

ONGOING

SUPPORT DISABLED PARKING permit distributors. Funds go towards supporting independent living programs for people with disabilities. If you have a permit with no registration number or expiry date it will soon not be valid. To obtain the new provincially regulated permits please phone the South Vancouver Island Resource Centre for Independent Living at 360-1500.

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CAFE SIMPATICO COFFEE HOUSE (1923 fernwood) starting at 8 p.m. every second friday. $4 General entrance.

The Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C. Branch requires volunteers to assist with the door to door campaign in their neighbor during March. For more information please call Alan Whittingham at 721-6001.

THE VIVACIOUS MUSE (833 Fort) is a recently opened cafe art gallery showing works of local artists. Tuesdays is literary night with readings from original work and also poetry, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays is free films at 8 p.m. Thursdays is theatre night at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturdays is live music. Bring your instrument.

NEWLY ORGANIZING lesbian, gay, bisexual resource centre is in the works. If you or someone you know could participate in organizing with time or energy or financial aid, short/long term, your help is needed. Please contact Joanne at 360-1551.

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COFFEE HOUSE at Mother's Cupboard. Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $1. Light snacks and Coffee/Tea provided.

TELEPHONE BOOKS will be collected from Jan. 1 to May 31. Collection will take place at the Plaza Recycling Depots, The Municipal Recycling Depots, the Mobile Recycling Depots and the Hartland Avenue Landfill Recycling Area. For the location nearest you, call the CRD Hotline at 360-3030.

SHARED SIGN GROUP - meet with beginners and experts to learn American sign language, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the boardroom of McDonalds on Douglas, and Saturdays 1 p.m. in Clearihue A118. For more info call 598-8717.

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ECOLOGICAL HEALTH ALLIANCE is attempting to discover how many people in our area are affected by chemicals in our environment. If traffic exhaust, perfume, cleansers, tobacco smoke or other chemicals make you sick, pick up our survey at the SUB.

Letters continued

Soap not water

Editors:

The water shortage in the CRD is very serious, requiring self-discipline and innovation in its consumption.

If all who shower in teh gym, in residence and at home were to turn off the water while soaping and scrubbing, a significant saving in total consumption would be achieved.

Barbara Jackson

Don't swear

Editors:

The Association of Foreign and Canadian Students (AFCS) along with co-sponsors UVSS will be presenting a MULTI TALENT NITE on 19 March 1993.

Various dances and performances are lined up for everybody's pleasure. There will Israeli, Turkish, Lebanese, Jewish, African, Colombian, Mauritian, Indonesian, Bhangra, and many more dances. Clubs such as the Science Fiction Club, Jewish Club, Delta Upsilon, the AFCS itself, and various other clubs and societies on campus will be performing.

There has never been such an event on campus where clubs on campus have got together to put up a show. This show is not worth missing.

This mother of all events is on March 19, at the SUB Upper Lounge. Doors open at 7 PM, and the show starts at 8 PM sharp. Tickets are at $2.

You better not miss this show. BE THERE OR YOU'LL SWEAR.

Jarin Bhatt

Excessive force?

Editors:

On the night of Thursday March 11, I was at the lower SUB with a few friends. I had in my possession four free passes to a local downtown bar. I do not work for this bar, I was not putting on an event at this bar and I WAS NOT ADVERTISING, SELLING OR DOING ANYTHING ELSE IN THE SUB THAT COULD BE DEEMED AS UNLAWFUL OR DISRESPECTABLE TO THE SUB ESTABLISHMENT. My two friends and myself were standing at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the upper SUB; we had decided that we would eventually go to the bar to which I had the free passes. Naturally, I gave my friends one pass each. It was at this point that the manager of the SUB rudely told me that I would have to leave. He physically grabbed me and esscorted me up the stairs towards the door. It was understandable that he though I was selling these passes as tickets but he was rude, unnecessarily authorative and would not listen to my explanation. If I had tickets to a Vikings basketball game and have given them to my friends, would I still have been thrown out? I don't think so.

The SUB is a great place to go and have a good time at, however this is just one example of how certain workers at the SUQB (be it a bouncer or the manager) tend to use excessive measures to do a job that could be done in a more diplomatic way. When a person is approached by someone acting in an abrasive, and unnecessarily athorative manner, conflict is likely to occur. In my case I simply avoided trouble and left when I was told. However, I had done nothing wrong and if the manager had approached an highly temperamental person who had had a lot to drink, it would have been likely that conflict would have occurred.

All that I ask for in the future, is that workers in the SUB (especially security) stop using their position as a excuse to "play God" and that when dealing with "problems" in the bar, they do so in a more diplomatic way.

R. Davis

SKIING instruction is provided for visually impaired, hearing impaired, amputees, mentally handicapped, paraplegics and most other disabilities, providing they allow some mobility. Dates and time are arranged to suit your schedule. For more info call 334-3868.

SLIDE PHOTOGRAPHERS - field trips, viewing, speakers. Club meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. 7:30 p.m. at Central Junior Secondary school, room 105-1280 Fort Street. Colour film study group 385-1640.

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CAFE MERENGUE is back - come enjoy Latin and Caribbean music, and practice your Spanish. Held every second Friday; proceeds go to the Victoria Immigrant Centre. Now at Hermann's Ballroom Tap, 753 View St. Call 361-1661 for info.

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The South Island District Advisory Board is currently working on an Aboriginal Employment and Training Needs Assessment Project. We are interested in surveying the UVic Aboriginal Students. For more information please phone Wayne Gray, Interviewer 592-7909

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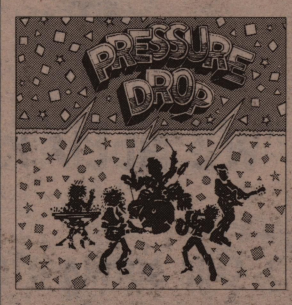
Dig Circus From the garage to the open stage to Toronto's finer clubs, Dig Circus has built a substantial grassroots following with their mixture of folk, rock and funk. The six-piece band released their debut EP, *Shekkie,* last year to great reviews and radio play. This year, besides touring plans, the band stars in its own comic book and is getting together a full-length CD.

Daisy DeBolt Some have called her music 'ethno-fusion,' others have dubbed it 'Alpine-polka-reggae,' but that's merely scratching the surface of this talented artist's diverse range of sounds. Manitoba-born and formerly one-half of acclaimed duo Fraser and DeBolt, Daisy has been raising eyebrows with her dynamic and eclectic solo CD release, *Souls Talking.*



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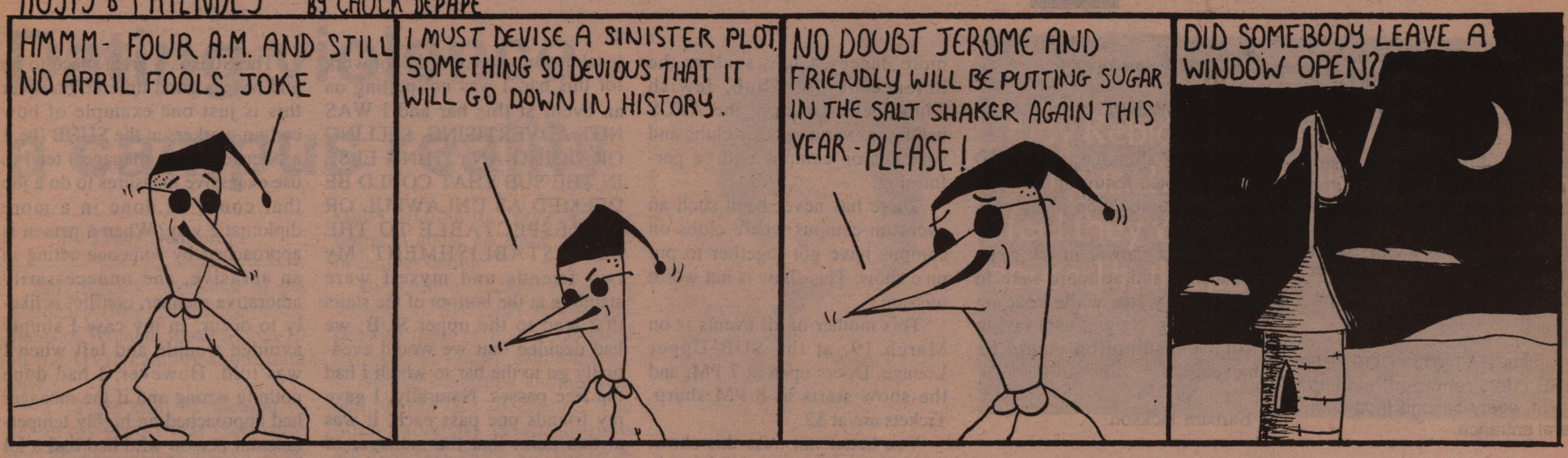
BY CHUCK DEPAPE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I MUST DEVISE A SINISTER PLOT, SOMETHING SO DEVIOUS THAT IT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY.
NO DOUBT JEROME AND FRIENDLY WILL BE PUTTING SUGAR IN THE SALT SHAKER AGAIN THIS YEAR - PLEASE!
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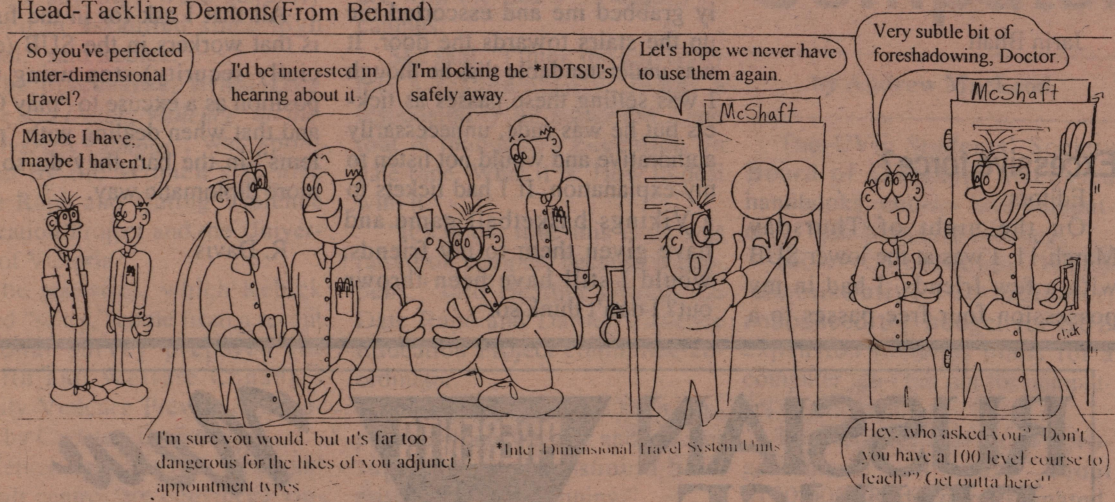
Head-Tackling Demons(From Behind)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McShaft
Very subtle bit of foreshadowing, Doctor.
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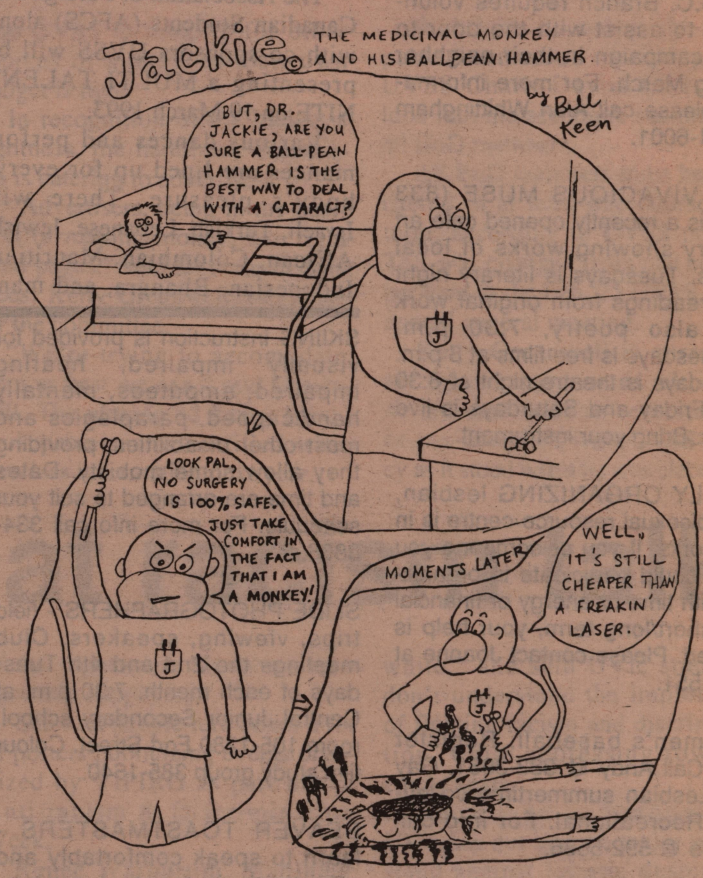
Hey, who asked you? Don't you have a 100 level course to teach?? Get outta here!!

Jackie, THE MEDICINAL MONKEY AND HIS BALLPEAN HAMMER.

by Bill Keen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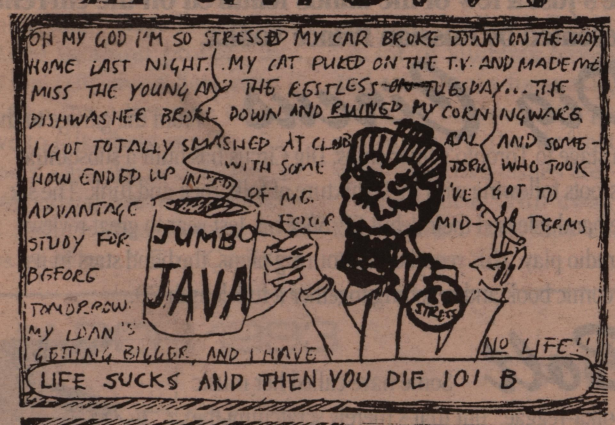
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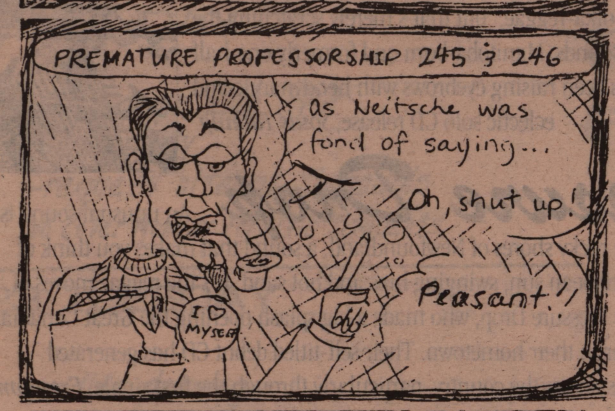
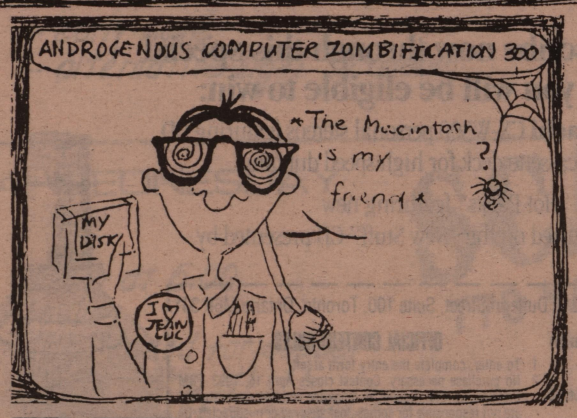
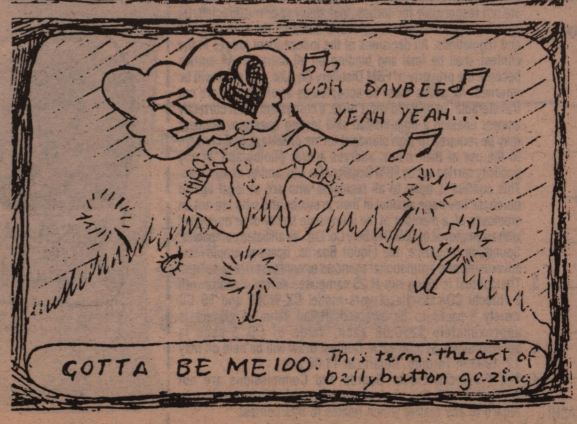
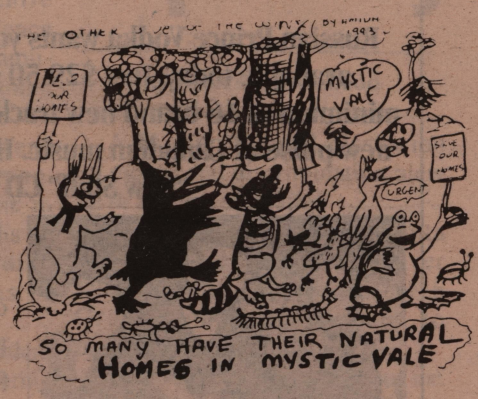
LIFE SUCKS AND THEN YOU DIE 101 B





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